STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1011 By: Balkman

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to initiate hearings related to the impact of adopting and ratifying certain legislation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, one of the most treasured values inculcated in our American society is the sanctity of the institution of marriage between a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, this union between a man and woman has been the foundation of our American family and has been the bedrock of our society's existence; and

WHEREAS, the only proper marriage is that occurring between one man and one woman, and just as counterfeiting a currency has the potential to bankrupt an economy, counterfeiting the venerable institution of marriage by claiming that homosexual relationships are equal to heterosexual relationships has the same potential to negatively impact the moral and social fabric of our country; and

WHEREAS, enactment of federal legislation, the Defense of Marriage Act, and actions in Massachusetts, New York, and in many cities throughout the U.S. regarding marriage have jeopardized the institution of marriage and have called into question the jurisdiction of the courts in determining the marital status of a relationship; and

WHEREAS, the recent decision by the San Francisco County Superior Court, in which it was declared that "no rational purpose exists for limiting marriage in this state to opposite-sex

partners," has further weakened the bedrock of American society; and.

WHEREAS, legal challenges in Massachusetts, California, and elsewhere threaten to force states to grant marriages of homosexual couples regardless of whether they are considered legal in the couple's state of residence, thereby establishing a dangerous legal precedent against other states; and

WHEREAS, current challenges to traditional marriage beliefs divide our nation's foundation and fabric and jeopardize our basic family values; and

WHEREAS, it is now time for the U.S. Congress to take immediate action to resolve these challenges by developing a consistent definition of the term "marriage" through an amendment to our United States Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls upon the United States Congress to send to the States for ratification a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage in the United States as only between one man and one woman.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, and members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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