

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 62

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution reaffirming support for traditional
8 marriage as expressed in the Oklahoma Constitution
9 and federal law.

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11 WHEREAS, the institution of marriage is the rock upon which our
12 society is built; and

13 WHEREAS, the voters of Oklahoma expressed their intent to define
14 marriage as the union of one man and one woman, with the enactment
15 of Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution in State
16 Question 711, approved by over one million Oklahoma voters on
17 November 2, 2004, over 75% of the number of total votes cast. State
18 Question 711 was referred to the people by the Oklahoma Legislature,
19 after overwhelming approval in the Senate by a vote of 38 to 7; and

20 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of 44 states which currently prohibit
21 persons of the same gender from marrying, 31 of which have done so
22 in their state constitutions, including the State of North Carolina
23 which this week approved such a constitutional amendment by a 20-
24 point margin; and

1 WHEREAS, support for traditional marriage was affirmed
2 nationally through the enactment of the Defense of Marriage Act in
3 1996, signed into law by President Bill Clinton; and

4 WHEREAS, while the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes that
5 families take many forms, the institution of marriage itself is
6 sacred and must be upheld in its traditional form.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
8 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate reaffirms its support for
10 traditional marriage as the union of one man and one woman, as
11 expressed in the provisions of Section 35 of Article II of the
12 Oklahoma Constitution and the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

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