

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: Cleveland, Fisher, Hulbert,
Bennett, Ritze, Kern,
Lockhart, Roberts (Sean),
Cockroft, Mulready,
Reynolds, Hall, Armes and
O'Donnell of the House

and

Standridge and Brecheen of
the Senate

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10 A Concurrent Resolution reaffirming the definition of
11 marriage as the union of one man and one woman and
12 urging the United States Supreme Court to uphold the
Defense of Marriage Act and the right of states to
regulate marriage.

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15 WHEREAS, marriage is the building block upon which our society
16 is based; and

17 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, Oklahoma voters expressed their
18 collective intent to define marriage as the union of one man and one
19 woman by approving State Question 711 which was an amendment to
20 Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; and

21 WHEREAS, the power to regulate marriage is a power reserved to
22 the states that lies within the domain of state legislatures and not
23 with the judicial branch of government; and
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1 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court recently heard oral
2 arguments in two separate cases that challenge the constitutionality
3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and the authority of states
4 to regulate marriage; and

5 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature commends the Honorable E.
6 Scott Pruitt, Attorney General of Oklahoma, for filing an amicus
7 curiae brief supporting Oklahoma's right to regulate marriage.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature reaffirms its commitment to define
12 marriage as the union of one man and one woman and urges the United
13 States Supreme Court to uphold the Defense of Marriage Act and the
14 right of states to regulate marriage.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
16 and Vice President of the United States and to the Oklahoma
17 Congressional Delegation.

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