

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1009

By: Cleveland and Fisher of the
House

and

Standridge of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the power to regulate marriage is a power reserved to the states that lies within the domain of state legislatures and not with the judicial branch of government; and

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.

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