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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution petitioning Congress to propose an amendment
2 to the Constitution of the United States defining marriage as
3 the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and
4 wife.

5 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the federal Defense
6 of Marriage Act in 1996, defining marriage as the legal union
7 between one man and one woman as husband and wife; and

8 WHEREAS, to date 37 states have enacted laws defining marriage
9 as between one man and one woman; and

10 WHEREAS, the voters of at least four states -- Alaska, Hawaii,
11 Nebraska, and Nevada -- have approved constitutional amendments
12 to define marriage as the legal union between one man and one
13 woman; and

14 WHEREAS, marriage is essential to the foundation of a healthy
15 society and the government has a duty to protect that foundation;
16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 That the United States Congress is hereby petitioned to
2 propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 for submission to the states for ratification, to define
4 marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman as
5 husband and wife.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
7 sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
8 of the United States House of Representatives, and to all
9 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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EXPLANATION

11 This joint resolution constitutes a petition to the United
12 States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to
13 define marriage as the legal union between one man and one
14 woman as husband and wife.

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