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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Since being admitted into the Union in 1818, The
3 State of Illinois has only recognized marriages between one man
4 and one woman; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Constitution of 1970, based on its
6 text, history and interpretation, does not confer any right to
7 enter into a same-sex marriage, but only a right to enter into
8 an opposite-sex marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1996, the Illinois General Assembly amended the
10 Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to make
11 explicit what has always been implicit in our marriage laws:
12 that marriage is a relationship that may exist only between one
13 man and one woman (Section 201), to prohibit same-sex marriages
14 (Section 212(a)(5)), and to state that a marriage between 2
15 persons of the same sex is "contrary to the public policy of
16 this State" (Section 213.1); and

17 WHEREAS, Federal law recognizes and provides the benefits
18 of marriage only to those marriages between a man and a woman;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, For thousands of years, religious faiths have
21 recognized only marriages between one man and one woman; and

1 WHEREAS, By popular vote, 30 states have amended their
2 constitutions to reserve marriage as a relationship that may
3 exist only between a man and a woman and to prohibit
4 recognition of same-sex marriages; and

5 WHEREAS, Two lawsuits have been filed in the Circuit Court
6 of Cook County challenging, under the Illinois Constitution,
7 the prohibition of same-sex marriage in the Illinois Marriage
8 and Dissolution of Marriage Act: *Darby, et al. vs. David Orr,*
9 *in his official capacity as Cook County Clerk,* Circuit Court of
10 Cook County, No. 12 CH 19718; and *Lazaro, et al. vs. David Orr,*
11 *in his official capacity as Cook County Clerk,* Circuit Court of
12 Cook County, No. 12 CH 19719; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we show our support for the
16 Illinois laws reserving the institution of marriage to one man
17 and one woman; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we oppose any efforts to extend the
19 institution of marriage to 2 individuals of the same sex,
20 whether by statute or by court decision; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we urge the members of the General Assembly,

1 acting under their authority under Article XIV, Section 2 of
2 the Illinois Constitution, to adopt House Joint Resolution -
3 Constitutional Amendment 50, an amendment to the Illinois
4 Constitution stating that "Only a marriage between a man and a
5 woman shall be valid or recognized in Illinois", which if
6 adopted would be on the ballot at the 2014 General Election;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 delivered to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Cook
10 County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, Cook County Clerk David
11 Orr, and all other County Clerks and State's Attorneys in the
12 State of Illinois.