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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

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WHEREAS: Marriage has traditionally been between a man and a woman; and,

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WHEREAS: Marriage is a staple to any stable and civil society; and,

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WHEREAS: The role of traditional marriage has been continually eroded over the past decades; and,

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WHEREAS: The Defense of Marriage Act passed in 1996 which was signed into law by President Bill Clinton helps to limit non-traditional marriages; and,

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WHEREAS: Traditional marriage has eroded even with the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act; and,

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WHEREAS: Permissiveness and decadence have become all too often the norm in American society; and,

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WHEREAS: Societies which allow permissiveness and decadence to rule their land often become crumbling empires rather than world super-powers; and,

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WHEREAS: The USA has grown into the most powerful nation ever partly because of the strong investments in traditional marriages; and,

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WHEREAS: An amendment to the US Constitution has been introduced into the US House of Representatives by Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave on May 21, 2003; and,

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WHEREAS: The amendment reads as follows: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution nor the Constitution of any state under state or federal law shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States Congress to unanimously pass an amendment to the United States Constitution which would ban all forms of civil unions except for those between one man and one woman.

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MANDATES: President of the United States George W. Bush
Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of the US Senate
Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of the US Senate
House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of the US House of Representatives
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of the US House of Representatives
Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert of the US House of Representatives
Representative Marilyn Musgrave of the US House of Representatives
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