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# H. J. RES. 56

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2003

Mrs. MUSGRAVE (for herself, Mr. HALL, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. VITTER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*  
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*  
8 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*  
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —  
2 “SECTION 1. Marriage in the United States shall con-  
3 sist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither  
4 this Constitution or the constitution of any State, nor  
5 state or federal law, shall be construed to require that  
6 marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred  
7 upon unmarried couples or groups.”.

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