

By: Representative Upshaw

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
2 STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN
3 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO
4 MARRIAGE AND URGING AND REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE
5 SEVERAL STATES TO APPLY TO THE CONGRESS TO CALL SUCH A CONVENTION.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution provides that, on the
8 application of the legislatures of two-thirds (2/3) of the several
9 states, the Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of
10 proposing an amendment or amendments to the United States
11 Constitution, which amendment or amendments when so proposed by
12 such a convention must be ratified by the legislatures of, or
13 conventions in, three-fourths (3/4) of the states to become valid:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
16 THEREIN, That the Congress of the United States is hereby
17 requested to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the United
18 States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment
19 to the United States Constitution, which amendment shall be
20 substantially as follows:

21 "ARTICLE _____

22 Section 1. This article may be cited as the Marriage
23 Protection Amendment.

24 Section 2. Marriage in the United States shall consist
25 solely of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this
26 Constitution, nor the constitution of any state, shall be
27 construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof

28 be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a
29 woman."

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United
31 States is hereby requested to provide as the mode of ratification
32 that said amendment shall be valid to all intents and purposes and
33 become a part of the Constitution of the United States when
34 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths (3/4) of the several
35 states.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of
37 Mississippi does hereby urge and request the legislative bodies of
38 the several states to apply to the Congress of the United States
39 to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing this
40 amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall
42 be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and to
43 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to each
44 member of the delegation of the State of Mississippi in the
45 Congress of the United States; and to the presiding officers of
46 each house of the legislative bodies of the several states of the
47 Union.