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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BARTLETT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MICA, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HARPER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. CANTOR, and Mr. BRADY of Texas) 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.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all

intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

''ARTICLE —

''SECTION 1. Marriage in the United States shall consist only of a legal union of one man and one woman.

''SECTION 2. No court of the United States or of any State shall have jurisdiction to determine whether this Constitution or the constitution of any State requires that the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon any union other than a legal union between one man and one woman.

''SECTION 3. No State shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State concerning a union between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage, or as having the legal incidents of marriage, under the laws of such other State.''.

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