

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing that marriage in  
2 this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 32 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 32. (a) Marriage in this state shall consist only of  
7 the union of one man and one woman.

8 (b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may  
9 not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to  
10 marriage.

11 SECTION 2. This state recognizes that through the  
12 designation of guardians, the appointment of agents, and the use of  
13 private contracts, persons may adequately and properly appoint  
14 guardians and arrange rights relating to hospital visitation,  
15 property, and the entitlement to proceeds of life insurance  
16 policies without the existence of any legal status identical or  
17 similar to marriage.

18 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.  
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that  
22 marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one  
23 woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this  
24 state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or

1 similar to marriage."

David Bushurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caldwell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 6 was passed by the House on April 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 101, Nays 29, 8 present, not voting.

Robert Harvey

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 6 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 8.

Lately Shaw

Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State

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