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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY CARROLL

A Resolution declaring March 6, 2001, Marriage Day.

WHEREAS, marriage is a universal human institution which is a bedrock of our society; and

WHEREAS, while marriage is an intimate and personal relationship, marriage is also a public demonstration of a couple's desire to have their private relationship recognized by family, friends, government, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a healthy marriage improves the lives of the parties by offering them emotional and financial support, expansive and integrated social networks, economies of scale, and a boost in earnings, parenting capacity, and life management; and

WHEREAS, a healthy marriage provides a nurturing environment for children and reduces the chance that a child will be poor, have unmet health problems and psychological disorders, commit crimes and exhibit other conduct disorders, be less educated, achieve less professional success, and have poorer interpersonal relationships; and

WHEREAS, a child raised within the environment of a healthy marriage relationship is provided direct access to the financial, emotional, educational, and other joint resources of both parents; and

WHEREAS, good marriages and strong families are developed through a couple's commitment and hard work; and

WHEREAS, couples are more likely to work toward

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1 healthy marriages in a society that recognizes the  
2 importance of and values marriage; NOW THEREFORE,  
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
4 That March 6, 2001, be declared Marriage Day to  
5 recognize the importance of a healthy marriage which  
6 improves the lives of the parties to the marriage,  
7 fosters healthy, happy, well-educated, and prosperous  
8 children, and thereby benefits society as a whole.

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