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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1
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Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa to define marriage.
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is
4 amended by adding the following new section:

5 MARRIAGE. SEC. 26. Only marriage between a man and a
6 woman shall be valid or recognized in the State of Iowa. The
7 State of Iowa and its political subdivisions shall not create
8 or recognize a legal status identical or substantially similar
9 to that of marriage for unmarried individuals.

10 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
11 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
12 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for
13 members of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State is
14 directed to cause the same to be published for three
15 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as
16 provided by law.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa regarding the validity and
20 recognition of certain marriages in Iowa. The joint
21 resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next general
22 assembly for adoption a second time before being submitted to
23 the electorate for ratification.

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