

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION U

January 22, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Newell, Voorhees, Palmer, Milosch, Stahl, Mortimer, Sheen, Ehardt, Shackleton, Vander Veen, Middaugh, Pappageorge, Huizenga, Acciavatti, LaJoy, Caswell, Hune, Walker, Bradstreet, Bisbee, Nitz, Van Regenmorter, Pastor, Hager, Gaffney, Steil, Meyer, Farhat, Brandenburg, Hummel, Howell, Nofs, Casperson, Tabor, Robertson, Kooiman, Hoogendyk, Palsrok, Ruth Johnson, Julian, Emmons, Moolenaar, Ward, Shaffer, Garfield, Shulman, Stakoe, Rocca, Richardville, DeRoche, Rick Johnson, Pumford, Caul, Koetje, Taub, O'Neil and Gleason and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 25 to article I, to define marriage as only between one man and one woman.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to define marriage as only between one man and one woman, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE I

Sec. 25. To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, only marriage between one man and one woman shall be recognized as valid in this state.

No other relationship shall be recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent by the state, its political subdivisions, or

1 educational institutions under Article VIII, regardless of  
2 whether such a relationship is recognized by the laws of any  
3 jurisdiction outside of this state.

4       Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
5 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election  
6 in the manner provided by law.