

Good afternoon Senate Body,

My name is Alida Arnegard. I reside in District 26. I am a mother of 7, a grandmother, and an educator. I love this beautiful land of rolling prairies, coneflowers, Lapiz Lazulis and beautiful people. I am here today to ask you to render a solid yes vote on HCR 3013, the marriage resolution.

The House passed this resolution and in so doing, they showed outstanding support.

Now it is your turn to choose to pass this resolution or sadly to look away & vote against it.

The Bible, Gods timeless word, has already spoken to us on THE definition of marriage and that definition hasnt changed!

The tenth amendment of our constitution also speaks to this issue regarding the definition of marriage & states:

The powers (to define an institution!!) not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the STATES respectively, or to the people.

136 years ago, North Dakota put the definition of marriage into their century code. (See Representative Tveits testimony. He sponsored this marriage resolution.)

When I called & asked Representative Tveit what would happen to same sex couples if this resolution passed today, do you know what his answer was?He said that absolutely nothing would happen!

This resolution seeks to send a signed letter to the Supreme Court urging them to revisit their decision regarding the definition of marriage based on our desire to uphold the 10th Amendment. We know that the definition of marriage is not specifically addressed in our Constitution therefore it (those powers to do so!!) should be reserved to the STATES!

WHEN & IF the Supreme Court revisits the decision made back in 2015 & it is actually given back to the State and individual, what a day that would be!

Do you, Honorable Senator, resonate with the facts presented here? Was the definition for marriage decided in a manner that did not involve the vote of individual states nor did it take into account the vote of individuals?

Obergefell v Hodges has been deemed by this very House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 3013 to be an ILLEGITIMATE OVERREACH.

Is it possible that as a result of an unconstitutional decision based on the influence of two biased individuals, we allowed our Supreme Court to define marriage for us against our own constitutional rights?

SHOULD WE URGE the Supreme Court to OVERTURN THEIR DECISION & leave unaddressed the natural definition of marriage and RESTORE the issue of the definition of marriageBACK to the STATES & TO THE PEOPLE?

Thank you for taking the time to consider this & for allowing me to share my heart on this urgent matter for our State and for our future generations.

Sincerely,

Alida Arnegard

