I am so disappointed that one of my reps would vote in favor of this VILE resolution. I have said this over and over again, but we have MUCH BIGGER problems in this state than to bring up something that is not even an issue, except for people with certain religious beliefs. Why does anyone care who someone else decides to marry? It doesn't affect them directly and frankly, is none of their business. The argument that only male-female marriages result in children is also untrue. There are so many children who are adopted and cared for by same-sex couples as well as those couples using surrogates. And again, this is no one's business outside of that couple. I will never understand why the ND legislature wastes so much time on these things when we have so many other needs and issues in this state. Not to mention it's an absolute slap in the face to ND residents, like my very good friends, who have a strong and healthy same sex marriage. Are we trying to drive people out or prevent people from moving here? Resolutions like this will do just that.

This is clearly a religious-based resolution. There is no other explanation for it. It should be a NO. Please move on to addressing issues with homelessness, mental health services, disability services, property taxes, etc.

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