

Distinguished Judicial Senate Committee,

Good afternoon! My name is Alida Arnegard. I want to appeal to you once more to vote yes to HCR 3013. I would like to share verses with you which define marriage which is a holy union instituted by God from the beginning of time.

As a christian, I believe that Jesus Christ created the world by speaking it into existence, he created the first man & the first woman, & he was the creator of everything! Male and female!! He created them. They were Gods idea!!

Havent you read , he replied, that he who created them in the beginning made them Male and female. Matthew 19:4 HCSB

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father & his mother & hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ESV

Matt. 19:5-6 and he also said for this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate. HCSB

The two become ONE!! God made the opposite sexes to be able to come together perfectly as ONE!! When a child is conceived, we know that a miracle of God has occurred by blending two human beings into one, melting their bodies into one, and amazingly enough, that mystery happens & a beautiful child that looks very similar to the parents comes from that beautiful act. This miracle happens again and again. From an incredible union of one man and one woman, nations have been birthed! As we know, marriage and the family truly are the foundation of society & God created it to be that way.

Jesus teaches something beautiful in the new covenant!! We see grace in Luke 8:7b when Jesus says regarding the woman caught in adultery The one without sin among you should be the first to throw a stone at her. HCSB

When her accusers didnt condemn her, Jesus said in John 8:11B Neither do I condemn you, said Jesus. Go and FROM NOW ON, do NOT sin anymore! HCSB

We must not throw out clear, biblical teaching on marriage.

Biblical marriage is so much more than a civil union between two people. It is a sacred & spiritual covenant. Holy Matrimony is a God-ordained institution between one man and one woman.

As was suggested in an earlier testimony, if same sex couples should desire to have a civil union, tax breaks or if they need to obtain legal power of attorney for their end of life situations or medical reasons, etc, the law could still allow for that.

As it is a free country, people can live any lifestyle they choose regardless of what the bible teaches. But we must not continue to call this something it just isnt. Same sex couples can celebrate their relationships in their own way but those unions are not a biblically defined marriage.

It is a sticky situation in our country since we have had 10 years in which we have allowed for same sex unions and we have called them marriages.

This resolution will urge the Supreme Court to revisit the definition of marriage in the future. Whether existing same sex unions are grandfathered in under the law or not would be another issue to consider and address. But we must try to undo the damage that has been caused by allowing the government to define the sacred institution of biblical marriage.

Thank you for hearing my viewpoint on this crucial matter. Please consider voting yes to HCR 3013!

Sincerely,

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