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3 By Senators Taylor, Dial, Fielding and McGill  
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8 URGING CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE  
9 OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED  
10 STATES.

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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That pursuant to Article V of the  
14 Constitution of the United States, we urge the Congress of the  
15 United States to call a convention for the purpose of the  
16 following amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

17 Section 1. This article may be cited as the  
18 "Marriage Protection Amendment."

19 Section 2. Marriage in the United States shall  
20 consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this  
21 Constitution, nor the constitution of any state, shall be  
22 construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents  
23 thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a  
24 man and a woman.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application by the  
26 Legislature of the State of Alabama constitutes a continuing  
27 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution

1 of the United States until at least two-thirds of the  
2 legislatures of the several states have made similar  
3 applications pursuant to Article V.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That since this method of  
5 proposing amendments to the Constitution has never been  
6 completed to the point of calling a convention and no  
7 interpretation of the power of the states in the exercise of  
8 this right has ever been made by any court or any qualified  
9 tribunal, if there be such, and since the exercise of the  
10 power is a matter of basic sovereign rights and the  
11 interpretation thereof is primarily in the sovereign  
12 government making such exercise and since the power to use  
13 such right in full also carries the power to use such right in  
14 part the Legislature of the State of Alabama interprets  
15 Article V to mean that if two-thirds of the states make  
16 application for a convention to propose an identical amendment  
17 to the Constitution for ratification with a limitation that  
18 such amendment be the only matter before it, that such  
19 convention would have power only to propose the specified  
20 amendment and would be limited to such proposal and would not  
21 have power to vary the text thereof nor would it have power to  
22 propose other amendments on the same or different  
23 propositions.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly attested copy of  
25 this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of  
26 the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of  
27 Representatives of the United States, to each member of the

1 Congress from this state, and to each House of each state  
2 legislature in the United States.