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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 337

Offered January 12, 2005

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*Proposing an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15-A, relating to marriage.*

Patrons—Newman, Bell, Blevins, Bolling, Chichester, Cuccinelli, Devolites Davis, Hanger, Hawkins, Martin, Mims, Norment, Obenshain, O'Brien, Potts, Puckett, Quayle, Rerras, Ruff, Stolle, Stosch, Wagner, Wampler, Watkins and Williams; Delegates: Bryant and Byron

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Article I of the Constitution of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15-A as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

*Section 15-A. Marriage.*

*That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effect of marriage.*

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