

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/10/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

**1 Urging an appeal and an expeditious decision on the appeal of a case concerning
2 marriage.**

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 WHEREAS marriage has been the foundation of civilization for thousands of years
5 in cultures around the world, and it is the single most important social institution; and

6 WHEREAS marriage is defined in all 50 states as the legal union of a man and a
7 woman, and two sexes must be present for it to be marriage; and

8 WHEREAS marriage connotes social, economic, and spiritual union; and

9 WHEREAS marriage is an independently quantifiable good for society; hence the state
10 has an interest in preserving and protecting the special status of marriage, regardless of
11 religious beliefs; and

12 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature in 1996, through passage of Senate Bill 308,
13 confirmed the definition of marriage in Alaska as being the union of one man and one woman;
14 and

15 WHEREAS a strong majority of Alaskans understand and agree with this definition
16 of marriage; and

1 **WHEREAS** Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski in his February 27, 1998, ruling in
2 Brause and Dugan v. State of Alaska seriously jeopardized the ability of the State of Alaska
3 to enforce this definition;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor
5 Tony Knowles to direct the Department of Law to use every appropriate resource available
6 and due diligence to file and expedite an appeal of Brause and Dugan v. State of Alaska to
7 the Alaska Supreme Court; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that
9 the Alaska Supreme Court agree to review Judge Michalski's ruling, in light of the significant
10 Constitutional issues involved.