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Urging the Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals.

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

WHEREAS the federal government is anticipating a budget surplus of \$1.6 trillion over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS the Congress is considering various options for returning some of that surplus to hardworking taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, under current law, 21,000,000 married couples pay approximately \$1,400 more a year in taxes than they would if they were single; and

WHEREAS the institution of marriage should be supported and not penalized by the federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United States is urged to pass legislation to remove from the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 the current discrimination against married individuals in all instances of such discrimination; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the income tax rate paid by a married couple be no

higher and the standard deduction no lower than that of two single individuals.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to all other members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives serving in the 106th Congress.