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### Defense of Marriage Act - Prayer and Action Alert for St. Joseph and Elkhart County

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7** (Senator Hershman, Adams, Bray, Craycraft, Jr., Drozda, Jackman, Meeks and Waterman) **This resolution to amend the Indiana Constitution would state that marriage in Indiana consists only of one man and one woman.** In addition to banning same-sex marriages, same-sex civil unions would also be banned. *\*The Indiana Court of Appeals heard oral arguments from the case Morrison v. Sadler on January 12, 2004. This case was brought by 3 same-sex couples who want to get married in Indiana. A ruling could come this spring.*

**STATUS:** Resolution passed the full Senate on Tuesday, February 3 by a vote of 42 to 7. All 49 House Republicans signed on as authors as did 5 Democrats making a majority of House members. They petitioned House Speaker B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, and Rules Committee Chairman Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, to assign the resolution to committee. **Monday is the last day committees can hear bills and adopt them. Pelath is saying that "no hearings will be held" and he is being backed up by Bauer.** (from Advance America and South Bend Tribune Thurs., 2/5/05 article)

**ACTION:** Contact your Representative and B. Patrick Bauer, and Rules Committee Chairman Scott Pelath and urge them to give a hearing and support SJR 7. You may do this quickly on line at [www.advanceamerica.com](http://www.advanceamerica.com).

To see how each Senator voted, go to [http://www.advanceamerica.com/pdf/SJR7%20ROLL%20CALL%20123\\_2004.pdf](http://www.advanceamerica.com/pdf/SJR7%20ROLL%20CALL%20123_2004.pdf)

Marriage is ordained by God to bring blessing to both men and women. God made a woman to be a help meet for a man, and the man to nourish and cherish the woman. The benefits of the stability, strength and peace the union of marriage affords individuals, especially children, cannot be ignored. According to research, children of married parents have lower rates of substance abuse and are less likely to be victims of child abuse.

Please join in prayer that marriage between a man and woman would be protected in Indiana. This is vital for the safety of children, especially in custody cases.

Malachi 2:15 Has not the LORD made them one (man and wife in the marriage covenant- v. 14)? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

Matt. 19:6 what God has joined together, let no one separate."