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KING: MARRIAGE IS NOT A CIVIL RIGHT

Washington, D.C. – Iowa Congressman Steve King today gave a compelling speech on the House floor regarding H.R. 3313, the Marriage Protection Act. The bill passed by a recorded vote of 233-194.

The following are excerpts from King’s speech:

“Homosexual marriage is not a civil right. You can look in Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act, and it says race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. These things are all immutable characteristics, with the exception of religion, which is Constitutionally protected. Immutable characteristics are characteristics that cannot be self-identified but can be independently verified and cannot be changed. That isn’t the case with homosexual marriage—that is a self-identified behavior, not an immutable characteristic.”

“It is ridiculous to take the position that Congress cannot limit the power of the courts when it is specifically provided for in the Constitution. We’re charged not with just the right or the privilege, but the duty and obligation when we swore to uphold this Constitution and define the separation of powers.”

“There is no civil right for marriage. There is a license for marriage, and a license is by definition a permit to do something which is otherwise illegal. We grant that... because the family-- the father, the mother, the children in the house-- is the essential building block not just of this culture and this society and this civilization, but every civilization for the past 6000 years. That’s what’s at stake here.”

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