

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 125

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION designating August 31, 2013, as "ido4life Traditional Marriage Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly designate certain days of the year to commemorate certain individuals, groups, organizations, ideas, and ideals; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Tennessee Marriage Protection Amendment was ratified by both houses of the Tennessee General Assembly. The amendment was supported by seventy-one percent of registered voters, according to a Mason-Dixon poll, and an affirmative vote was cast by eighty-one percent of voters in November of 2006; and

WHEREAS, according to the Institute for American Values, Heritage.org, and Robert Rector, the benefits of individuals engaged in traditional marriage versus single individuals are as follows: married men are healthier and earn more than their single counterparts; married women have lower rates of depression and are more financially secure; and the children of traditional marriage have fewer emotional issues and experience a drop in the risk of poverty by eighty-two percent; and

WHEREAS, this body wishes to celebrate traditional marriage within the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate August 31, 2013, as "ido4life Traditional Marriage Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.