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### **COURTS ON OPPOSITE COASTS UPHOLD TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE**

Its encouraging that there are still some judges who adhere to the law, instead of using it as an excuse to impose their views on society. Last week, there we two heartening rulings on marriage, from opposite ends of the country.

In California, U.S. District Court Judge Gary Taylor upheld Section 3 of the Federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) which defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Taylor said Section 3 is constitutional, in that it passes the "rational basis test".

Specifically, the court noted, "because procreation is necessary to perpetuate humankind, encouraging the optimal union for procreation is a legitimate government interest. By excluding same-sex couples from the federal rights and responsibilities of marriage, and by providing those rights and responsibilities only to people in opposite-sex marriages, the government is communicating to citizens that opposite-sex relationships have special significance". This is a most welcome affirmation of marriage.

At the same time, the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court affirmed a trial court ruling that limiting marriage to members of the opposite sex does not violate the state's constitution. The court observed that if restricting marriage to a man and a woman is discriminatory (as plaintiffs maintained), the same could be said of laws prohibiting polygamy.

The majority went further, taking a swipe at their activist colleagues, writing: "The personal views of the members of the court concerning the wisdom of a statute should play no part in determining its constitutionality. *A constitution is not simply an empty receptacle into which judges may pour their own conceptions of evolving social mores*". (emphasis added)

We can be grateful that some judges still understand the proper role of the judiciary.

## **AFL-CIO LEADERSHIP, MARRIED TO THE GAY AGENDA**

The AFL-CIO represents more than 13 million workers nationwide for collective bargaining purposes. It does not, however, represent their values. When it comes to defending traditional marriage, the union bosses and rank and file could not be further apart.

At its March 3 meeting, the AFL-CIO executive committee unanimously resolved to oppose the federal marriage amendment, as well as similar state amendments. Its resolution absurdly claims that the "rights" of homosexual union members are somehow damaged by maintaining the age-old definition of marriage.

According to a March Gallup poll, 68% of the American people think homosexual relationships should not be recognized by law. States with heavy union memberships, like Michigan and Ohio, have adopted marriage amendments overwhelmingly by popular vote.

Like so many institutions, the AFL-CIO is led by an elite loyal to liberal values, rooted in anti-God, secular humanism. It uses the dues of its members for ends the majority find repugnant.

Pro-family groups and pro-family union activists are making a concerted effort to have the resolution rescinded at the labor federation's July convention. In the meantime, if you'd like to make your views known to AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, you can call his office at 202-637-5231, or send him an e-mail through the American Family Association's CitizenLink Action Center website.

## **FUN AND (GAY) GAMES AT KRAFT FOODS**

Kraft Foods (owner of Maxwell House coffee, Oscar Mayer, Nabisco Foods, etc.) is a sponsor of the upcoming Gay Olympics, being held in Chicago in July.

Any effort to normalize homosexuality is abhorrent, but the Gay Games VII is particularly pernicious, as these gatherings always entail public nudity and lewd behavior. By pandering to homosexuals, Kraft is betraying the trust of millions of

its customers, and undercutting its wholesome image.

Please write to Kraft Foods CEO Roger K. Deromedi to express your disapproval of his company's assault on traditional morality. The address is Roger K. Deromedi, CEO, Kraft Foods - 3 Lakes Dr., Northfield, IL 60093, e-mail: rderomedi23@kraft.com, or you can register a complaint by phone at 847-646-2000. Be polite but firm in expressing your opposition to Kraft's sponsorship of this spectacle.

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