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The People of West Virginia Deliver 4,603 Petitions to Lawmakers at “Let Us Vote” Marriage Rally

Petition calls for vote on 19-word definition of marriage at special election in 2010

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — February 25, 2010—More than 125 people braved the snow and cold today to express their desire to vote on the definition of marriage by delivering more than 4,600 petitions to lawmakers at the rally for marriage—exceeding the goal of 2,500 set just one week ago.

“The people have spoken loudly,” said Jeremy Dys, president and general counsel of the FPCWV, who announced the marriage and press conference just three days ago. “The petitions are arriving every day by mail and the web. The West Virginia Senate is sending a strong message that there is no legitimate reason to prevent the voters of West Virginia from settling the legal definition of marriage. The House should take heed and listen to their supporters.

“Their responsibility as elected officials is to respect every West Virginian’s right to vote on this issue.”

If approved, the resolution, SJR 14, would allow West Virginians to settle the legal definition of marriage at a special election in 2010. It proposes a simple 19-word definition of marriage: “Only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as marriage in West Virginia.”

The FPCWV initiative, “I’m voting for marriage” an aggressive petition drive across the state. The petition is being circulated in churches across the state and online at www.wvformarriage.com/petition.

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