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# H. J. RES. 50

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS (for himself, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BONNER, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. BARTON, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. SALMON, and Mr. COLE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all

1 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
2 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
3 States:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “SECTION 1. The liberty of parents to direct the up-  
6 bringing, education, and care of their children is a funda-  
7 mental right.

8 “SECTION 2. The parental right to direct education  
9 includes the right to choose public, private, religious, or  
10 home schools, and the right to make reasonable choices  
11 within public schools for one’s child.

12 “SECTION 3. Neither the United States nor any State  
13 shall infringe these rights without demonstrating that its  
14 governmental interest as applied to the person is of the  
15 highest order and not otherwise served.

16 “SECTION 4. This article shall not be construed to  
17 apply to a parental action or decision that would end life.

18 “SECTION 5. No treaty may be adopted nor shall any  
19 source of international law be employed to supersede, mod-  
20 ify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this  
21 article.”.

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