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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SALMON, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. STEWART, Mr. MESSER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, and Mr. HENSARLING) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The liberty of parents to direct the edu-
3 cation of their children is a fundamental right.

4 “SECTION 2. Neither the United States nor any State
5 shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that
6 its governmental interest as applied to the person is of
7 the highest order and not otherwise served.

8 “SECTION 3. No treaty may be adopted nor shall any
9 source of international law be employed to supersede, mod-
10 ify, interpret, or apply to any of the rights of parents guar-
11 anteed by—

12 “(1) this article;

13 “(2) any other provision of this Constitution;

14 “(3) the laws of the United States; or

15 “(4) the constitutions or laws of the several
16 States.

17 “SECTION 4. The rights guaranteed by this article
18 shall not be denied or abridged on account of disability.”.

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