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**Musgrave Praises Bush For Endorsing Marriage Amendment**  
*Congresswoman introduced amendment to protect redefinition of marriage*

**Washington, DC:** As chief sponsor of the Federal Marriage Amendment in the U.S. House, Representative Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) applauded President George W. Bush for his formal endorsement of her bill today and offered these remarks:

"The president's endorsement of the bi-partisan constitutional amendment I introduced in Congress is very encouraging and I thank him, on behalf of the vast majority of the American people, for taking a disciplined stand against activist judges and rogue mayors.

"The President called on Congress to quickly pass and send to the states for ratification an Amendment defending our nation's marriage law from judges and other local officials who are abusing their power and forcing their redefinition of marriage on an unwilling American public.

"I, too, call on the Congress to take quick, decisive action.

"After nearly a year of debating this bill, I find the American people are united by the marriage amendment discussion and find agreement in this common-sense measure. Everyone knows children are optimally raised with both a mom and a dad. The American people want to send a positive message.

"In addition, I call on the leadership of the House of Representatives to report back to the American people a hearing schedule and to announce the anticipated date for a floor vote on the Federal Marriage Amendment. The judges have had their say. Now the American people want to be heard on the subject."

Musgrave introduced the Federal Marriage Amendment, H.J. Res. 56, in the House of Representatives in May 2003. This bill currently has the support of 114 bi-partisan co-sponsors, as well as a large group of leaders within the Black, Hispanic, and Asian communities along with religious leaders from the Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant faiths. A similar bill has recently been introduced in the US Senate and currently has five co-sponsors.

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*Marilyn Musgrave was elected to the United States House of Representatives in January 2003, and she represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Musgrave is a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, and Small Business. To learn more about Rep. Musgrave please visit her official website at <http://www.house.gov/musgrave>.*