

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, on his continued commitment to emphasizing Christian family values throughout the country and increasing the influence of the organization on decisions made by Congress.

WHEREAS, Tony Perkins, a native of Cleveland, Oklahoma, began his political career in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1996 and has since been described by many as a legislative pioneer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins has established himself as an innovative pro-life and pro-family policy and political leader, stemming in part from his passage of the covenant marriage law in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Tony Perkins' current activity in the legislative arena is not as an elected official, but as the president of the Family Research Council (FRC) with the consistent pro-life and pro-family beliefs and agenda; and

WHEREAS, the FRC was established in 1983, as a Christian public policy ministry in Washington, D.C., with a stated credo of advancing pastoral voices for faith and family, and Tony Perkins is their fourth president, beginning his term with the organization on September 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins' views of the family have remained steadfast from his earliest days at the Louisiana Legislature and the principles of the covenant marriage law, believing in the sanctity of marriage and the traditional view of the roles of wife and husband; and

WHEREAS, Tony Perkins' position on marriage as a sacred vow before God clashes head-on with the more liberal views that any two people can be married, including those of the same sex; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins continues to preach a consistent message and urged the FRC to involve pastors in what Perkins and the FRC believe to be an assault on the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, it is Tony Perkins' firm conviction that campaigns to protect the family and the church could not succeed without a renewal of cultural engagement among pastors and the new Church Ministries department of the FRC, guided by Tony Perkins' belief in social engagement, reaches out to pastors to equip and embolden them; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mr. Perkins, the FRC's government affairs division is welcomed on Capitol Hill, with support from the Christian right and with trepidation from foes but with both camps acknowledging the excellence and character of the people who carry the message; and

WHEREAS, from his earliest days in the political arena in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Tony Perkins has employed his Christian faith as a guide to his policy positions in both the elective arena, as an elected official, and in the broader arena of policy-making; and his faith is uppermost in the policies he champions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, on his continued commitment to emphasizing Christian family values throughout the country and increasing the influence of the organization on decisions made by Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tony Perkins at the Family Research Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE