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We note with approval the Virginia House of Delegates' passage of the Constitutional Amendment to ban same-sex marriage. As majorities of Virginians have long recognized the institution's fundamental flaw, bringing about a marriage ban will correct the constitutional wrong. A firm and permanent ban on same-sex marriage is long overdue.

Lest we assume that approval of the constitutional amendment is the end of the question of same-sex marriage, those who hope to avoid the results of the Constitution's flawed institution must work to ensure that the amendment is not interpreted in ways that would limit the freedoms of all citizens. We must also fight to ensure that the laws of the Commonwealth are fair and just to all, and that the Constitution is not used as a tool to undermine the rights of those who have been disenfranchised.

The Virginia House of Delegates' passage of the Constitutional Amendment to ban same-sex marriage is a welcome step toward the full realization of the Commonwealth's promise of equal rights and opportunities for all citizens.

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