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## KING REACTS TO LESBIAN DIVORCE IN SIOUX CITY

**Washington, D.C.** – Congressman Steve King today issued the following statement in reaction to Sioux City Judge Jeffrey Neary's decision to OK a lesbian divorce:

"This situation paints a clear picture of why we need to rein in renegade judges legislating from the bench. By granting this homosexual couple a divorce, Judge Neary has pretended their marriage was valid in the State of Iowa. Unless I'm mistaken, it was in Vermont, not Iowa, that Howard "the Coward" Dean slyly signed midnight legislation making same sex unions legal. Unicorns, leprechauns, gay marriages in Iowa-these are all things you will never find because they just don't exist. But perhaps Judge Neary would grant divorces to unicorns and leprechauns too.

The Defense of Marriage Act clearly addresses the fact that states do not have to recognize unions granted in other states. The people of Iowa, who elected me to office, stand strong behind the belief that the sacred institution of marriage remains between one man and one woman exclusively, and as their Representative, I will work long and tirelessly to maintain the legality of God's intentions."

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