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**STONEWALL DALLAS CELEBRATES PASSAGE AND
SIGNING OF THE RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT**

DALLAS, TX (December 13, 2022) —  Stonewall Democrats of Dallas applauds President Joe Biden for signing the Respect for Marriage Act today. The legislation will safeguard same-sex and interracial marriage by requiring the recognition of valid marriages regardless of "sex, race, ethnicity or national origin".

"Given the threat by Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas that the conservative court would next overturn Obergefell v. Hodges, as they did Roe v. Wade, it is great to see the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives take bipartisan action to protect marriage equality", said Todd Hill, President of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. "LGBTQ+ rights are human rights too, and President Biden has long been an ally to our community. We are grateful for his continuing actions to form a more perfect union."

Protection for same-sex couples and interracial couples is essential for progress toward equality and preserving the rights and benefits of all married people in the United States. Stonewall Dallas considers the right to marry whomever one chooses to be an essential human right, and we are pleased that the Legislative Branch of our government aligned with the popular opinion of the American people.

Founded in 1996 by local activists, membership of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas is over three hundred strong, including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County, and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.

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