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*Strengthening,
Preserving
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Marriage,
Family, Life &
Liberty*

*...a woman that
feareth the LORD,
she shall be praised.
Her children arise
up, and call her
blessed...*

Proverbs 31:30b & 28a

Wisconsin Family
Council's "The Family—
Wisconsin's Hope,"
presented by Julaine
Appling

Elkhorn Pizza Ranch
Thursday, June 4
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Moms, A Court and A Day of Prayer

Mothers' Day (May 10), the US Supreme Court hearing on marriage (April 28), and the National Day of Prayer (May 7). Yes, they're all connected.

In this day of rampant fatherlessness, we talk a great deal about fathers being irreplaceable in the lives of their children. It's true and just as true is that mothers are irreplaceable too. I know mine certainly was.

I'm adopted. By His grace and sovereignty, God gave me to Bob and Mary Appling. I grew to 6' in height while my adoptive mom was small, having to stretch to make it to 5' tall. While I towered over my mother by at least third grade, she didn't let that stop her from administering appropriate discipline whenever and wherever it was needed.

Mom showed her love for me in so many ways. Putting me and my needs before herself and her own needs, she made sure I had what I needed to grow up to be the kind of woman she knew God wanted me to be.



Mom stayed home with me and my brother while Dad worked. She kept house, kept up with us, kept after the dog and kept Dad happy. She taught Sunday School, was a great neighbor, and volunteered for political and charitable causes. She entertained friends and business acquaintances with flair, helped people every chance she had and helped my brother and me with our homework. She attended every concert, play, ball game and horse show we were in. She read to me, listened to me, played with me, laughed with me, corrected me, argued with me—and listened to me some more.

She was my cheerleader, my advisor, my role model, my prayer warrior—my mom. We lost her to Alzheimers 13 years ago—and I miss her every day. What about your mom? How irreplaceable is or was she?

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Prayer

• Continue to pray that the US Supreme Court will render a ruling that honors God's plan for one-man, one-woman marriage.

Consider this: "While a compassionate and caring society *always* comes to the aid of motherless and fatherless families, a wise and loving society *never* intentionally creates fatherless or motherless families....

The two most loving mothers in the world can't be a father to a little boy. Love can't equip mothers to teach a little boy how to be a man. Likewise, the two most loving men can't be a mother to a child. Love does little to help a man teach a little girl how to be a woman....

How can two loving, homosexual men teach a young boy to care for and love a woman?...

What will two loving moms teach a little girl about men?"

(From *Marriage on Trial*, Stanton & Maier, IVP, pp. 70-71)

Sadly, some folks weren't blessed with a mom like mine. But many, perhaps even most of us have a mom worthy of celebrating on Mothers' Day and on every other day of the year.

From moms to the court. On April 28th the US Supreme Court heard arguments from attorneys defending one man and one woman marriage. Part of those arguments included making the case that children need both a mother—female—and a father—male—in order to become healthy, well-adjusted, productive adult citizens. Our organization was part of a friend-of-the-court brief that spent 37 pages making the case that both mothers and fathers play irreplaceable, unique roles in the lives of children.

Will the court consider that a weighty argument, or will they believe that two mothers or two fathers are just fine for kids? Are they getting ready to say that moms are replaceable or that fathers are replaceable in the lives of children? How tragic it would be for the government to determine that either a mom or a dad is not necessary. Governments may be replaceable. Moms and dads are certainly irreplaceable.

From the court to prayer. May 7 was our National Day of Prayer. I hope you prayed that day—and I hope you make **every day a day of prayer** for our nation and our state. Pray for the US Supreme Court justices to make the right decision, recognizing that mothers and fathers are not replaceable. Pray for families—especially for Christian fathers and mothers to be strong in the midst of great pressures today to give in to the world's way of thinking and acting.

Mothers' Day, the US Supreme Court case, and the National Day of Prayer—they all go together in my thinking. Moms are simply irreplaceable, the Supreme Court should recognize that, and we need to pray to that end.

—Julaine Appling, President, Wisconsin Family Council

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that since 1986 has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.

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