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House Resolution

A resolution relating to the United Nations  
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of  
Discrimination Against Women.

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms  
of Discrimination Against women was adopted by the United  
Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an  
international treaty on September 3, 1981, and by 1996, 151  
nations including all of the industrialized world, except the  
United States, have agreed to be bound by the Convention's  
provisions, and

WHEREAS, the United States supports and has a position  
of leadership in the United Nations, and was an active  
participant in and a signatory to the Convention, and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the Convention is rooted in the  
goals of the United Nations, and the United States, to affirm  
faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of  
the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women,  
and

WHEREAS, the Convention provides a comprehensive  
framework for challenging the various forces that have created  
and sustained discrimination based on sex against half the  
world's population, and the nations in support of the present  
Convention have agreed to follow Convention prescriptions, and

WHEREAS although women have made major gains in the  
struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal,  
educational, and other fields in this century, there is much  
yet to be accomplished and through its support, leadership,  
and prestige, the United States can help create a world where  
women are no longer discriminated against and have achieved

1 one of the most fundamental of human rights, equality, NOW,  
2 THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
5 Florida:

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7 That the House of Representatives of the State of  
8 Florida strongly supports the United Nations Convention on the  
9 Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and  
10 hereby pledges its support in the future for the achievement  
11 of the Convention's continuing goals.

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