

By Senator Margolis

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1 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2 A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed  
3 amendment to the Constitution of the United  
4 States relating to equal rights for men and  
5 women.

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7 WHEREAS, three years after women won the right to vote,  
8 the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution,  
9 authored by Alice Paul, head of the National Women's Party,  
10 was introduced in Congress by Senator Curtis and  
11 Representative Anthony, both Republicans, and

12 WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the proposed Amendment to  
13 the United States Constitution was sent to the States for  
14 ratification, and

15 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United  
16 States Constitution states:

17 "SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not  
18 be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on  
19 account of sex.

20 "SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
21 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this  
22 article.

23 "SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years  
24 after the date of ratification." and

25 WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982,  
26 on the ratification process and thirty-five states ratified  
27 the proposed Amendment before the deadline, and

28 WHEREAS, Congress may not have the constitutional  
29 authority to place a deadline on the ratification process, and

30 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution  
31 allows the Legislature of the State of Florida to ratify this

1 proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida finds  
4 that the proposed Amendment is meaningful and needed as part  
5 of the United States Constitution and that the present  
6 political, social, and economic conditions are the same or are  
7 even more demanding as when the proposed Amendment was first  
8 submitted for adoption, NOW, THEREFORE,

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10 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the  
11 House of Representatives Concurring:

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13 That the proposed amendment set forth below to the  
14 Constitution of the United States is ratified by the  
15 Legislature of the State of Florida.

16 "Article \_\_\_\_

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18 be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on  
19 account of sex.

20 "SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
21 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this  
22 article.

23 "SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years  
24 after the date of ratification."

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of the  
26 foregoing preamble and resolution be immediately forwarded by  
27 the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, under the  
28 great seal, to the President of the United States, the  
29 Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the  
30 Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of

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1 Representatives of the United States, and the Administrator of  
2 General Services of the United States.  
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