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1 House Concurrent Resolution

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

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

11 WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the proposed amendment to the
12 United States Constitution was sent to the states for
13 ratification, and

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

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

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

21 "SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years
22 after the date of ratification.", and

23 WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on
24 the ratification process and thirty-five states ratified the
25 proposed amendment before the deadline, and

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

28 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution allows

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29 | the Legislature of the State of Florida to ratify this proposed
 30 | amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and

31 | WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida finds that
 32 | the proposed amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the
 33 | United States Constitution and that the present political,
 34 | social, and economic conditions are the same or are even more
 35 | demanding as when the proposed amendment was first submitted for
 36 | adoption, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 38 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 39 | Florida, the Senate Concurring:

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 41 | That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
 42 | United States set forth below is ratified by the Legislature of
 43 | the State of Florida:

44 | "Article ____

45 | "SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be
 46 | denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on
 47 | account of sex.

48 | "SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce,
 49 | by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

50 | "SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years
 51 | after the date of ratification."

52 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the
 53 | foregoing preamble and resolution be immediately forwarded by
 54 | the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, under the great
 55 | seal, to the President of the United States, the Secretary of
 56 | State of the United States, the President of the Senate of the

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57 | United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
58 | the United States, and the Administrator of General Services of
59 | the United States.