

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

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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 to the Constitution of the
14 | United States set forth below is ratified by the Legislature
15 | of the State of Florida.

16 | "Article ____

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."

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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