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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 REQUESTING AND PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
10 TO PROPOSE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE STATES FOR CONTINUED
11 RATIFICATION AN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED
12 STATES CONSTITUTION.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 REQUESTING AND PETITIONING THE UNITED
17 STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE FOR SUBMISSION
18 TO THE STATES FOR CONTINUED RATIFICATION
19 AN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

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22 WHEREAS, in the United States, women are still deprived of equal
23 Constitutional rights, equal salaries, equal access to positions of
24 responsibility, and equal treatment in terms of health care, insurance, and
25 Social Security; and

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27 WHEREAS, men would also benefit from equality of rights under the law;
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30 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment was written in 1923 to eliminate or
31 modify many state and federal laws that discriminate against women; and

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33 WHEREAS, the language of the Equal Rights Amendment, "equality of
34 rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or
35 by any state on account of sex," has been unchanged since 1923; and



1 WHEREAS, the central tenet of the Equal Rights Amendment was that sex
2 should not be a determining factor in establishing the legal rights of
3 individuals; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment was approved by Congress in 1972;
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8 WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on the
9 ratification process; and
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11 WHEREAS, during the ratification process, thirty-five (35) states
12 ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, leaving only three (3) more states
13 necessary to complete national ratification; and
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15 WHEREAS, Congress has the power to adjust or repeal the previous time
16 limit on the Equal Rights Amendment, determine whether state ratifications
17 subsequent to 1982 are valid, and accept the Equal Rights Amendment as part
18 of the Constitution after three (3) more states ratify; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is one of the states that has yet to
21 ratify the Equal Rights Amendment,
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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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27 THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully
28 requests and petitions that one (1) or more members of the United States
29 Congress introduce a resolution proposing an amendment to the United States
30 Constitution that provides that equality of rights under the law shall not be
31 denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed resolution not require
34 ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment again by thirty-eight (38) states
35 but permit ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to become effective
36 with ratification by three (3) states that did not ratify the Equal Rights

1 Amendment by June 30, 1982.

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT certified copies of this concurrent
4 resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the
5 United States Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker
6 of the United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States
7 House of Representatives, each member of the Arkansas delegation to the
8 United States Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of each
9 state legislature in the United States.

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