

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JAMES, MYERS AND M. COHEN, APRIL 19, 2000

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
APRIL 19, 2000

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations
2 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
3 Against Women.

4 WHEREAS, The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of
5 All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, adopted by the United
6 Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an
7 international treaty on September 3, 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, As of March 2000, 165 countries had ratified the
9 convention and ten states had endorsed the United States
10 ratification in their state legislatures; and

11 WHEREAS, The convention provides a comprehensive framework
12 for challenging the various forces that have created and
13 sustained discrimination based on sex against half the world's
14 population, and the nations in support of the present convention
15 have agreed to follow convention prescriptions; and

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth shares the goals of the convention,
2 namely, affirming faith in fundamental human rights, in the
3 dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of
4 women; and

5 WHEREAS, Although women have made major gains in the struggle
6 for equality in society, business, politics, law, education and
7 other fields in this century, there is much yet to be
8 accomplished; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the greatly increased
10 interdependence of the people of the world; and

11 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to support ratification of the
12 most important international agreement affecting the lives of
13 women throughout the world; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
15 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge citizens of this
16 Commonwealth to recognize that we are citizens of the world with
17 responsibilities extending beyond the boundaries of our city,
18 State and nation; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly further urge the United
20 States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the
21 Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and to
22 support the convention's continuing goals; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the presiding officer of the United States Senate and to each
25 Senator from Pennsylvania.