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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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FEBRUARY 8, 2001

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
FEBRUARY 8, 2001

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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.