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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Ninety-second Congress of the United States of America, at its Second Session, adopted a Joint Resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States of America with language commonly referred to as the Equal Rights Amendment; and

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WHEREAS, The proposed amendment was sent to the states for ratification, but was not ratified within the time period established by Congress; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Constitution guarantees that equal protection of the laws shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex by the State or its units of local government and school districts; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we hereby apply to Congress to call a limited constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That this amendment should be worded as follows, without substantial alteration: "The equal protection of the

1 laws shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex by the  
2 United States or any State."; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing  
4 application in accordance with Article V of the United States  
5 Constitution until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of  
6 the several states have made application for a limited  
7 constitutional convention; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That, if the limited convention called by  
9 Congress is not limited to the topics proposed in this  
10 resolution, that this resolution calling for a convention shall  
11 be considered null and void and legally insufficient to be  
12 considered under Article V as one of the two-thirds of the  
13 several state resolutions necessary to call a limited  
14 constitutional convention; if a limited convention were to  
15 consider topics beyond the limited scope of this call for a  
16 constitutional convention, delegates, representatives, or  
17 participants shall be selected by the citizens of the State of  
18 Illinois to participate in the limited convention and shall be  
19 permitted to vote only on proposed amendments topically  
20 contained within the scope of this call and shall be instructed  
21 to vote against any other proposed amendments; and be it  
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23 RESOLVED, That, if two-thirds of the legislatures of the

1 several states make application to Congress to call a limited  
2 constitutional convention, the State of Illinois requests that  
3 such a convention be called not later than 6 months after  
4 Congress receives the necessary applications from state  
5 legislatures; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 presented to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House  
8 of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of  
9 the United States Senate, the members of the Illinois  
10 congressional delegation, the presiding officers of each  
11 chamber of each state legislature in the United States, and the  
12 news media of the State of Illinois.