

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each Congressman and Senator from the State of Minnesota.

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## RESOLUTION No. 17—H. F. No. 1818

*A joint resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to admit the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii to Statehood.*

WHEREAS, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii have applied to be admitted to statehood; and,

WHEREAS, these Territories have long been valued possessions of these United States, and the people thereof in times of both peace and war have demonstrated their loyalty, their spirit of self-sacrifice, their trustworthiness, and their abilities to be good citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii are important outposts in the preservation of world peace and in the defense of the shores of the continental limits of these United States, and their admittance to statehood will strengthen the position of these Territories in the defense of our shores and in the maintenance of world peace; and,

WHEREAS, the peoples of these Territories are capable of self-government and are desirous of joining the family of states comprising this American Republic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to admit the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii to statehood and that the necessary enabling legislation therefor be enacted during the current session of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

of the United States, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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RESOLUTION No. 18—H. F. No. 905

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, endorsing equal rights for women.*

WHEREAS, the women of America have shared equally with men in the hardships and sacrifices incident to the building of this nation; and,

WHEREAS, they have shared equally in the pain and distress which have been involved in the maintenance of the American republic and ideals of free government against the aggression of tyrants and have participated, and are today participating, in the battles precipitated by the enemies of freedom; and,

WHEREAS, this nation was "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," and such declaration has no actual or implied limitation on equality before the law by reason of sex; and,

WHEREAS, the rights of women before the law are much abridged in many states and this legal discrimination on the basis of sex constitutes an intolerable burden upon thousands of women who are solely dependent upon their own efforts for their livelihood, and is a source of irritation to many thousands of others who recognize this discrimination a flat contradiction of the American principle of equality, wholly out of accord with the status of American women, which they have reached by their achievements in other fields of human endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, there are today more women than men in this country and women have served this country in time of war as well as in peace, equally well with men in every field of work,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate and House of Representatives pass the following resolution and the amendment as follows: