

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

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:

"EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT"

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress and the several states shall have the power within the respective jurisdictions, to endorse this Article by appropriate legislation. This amendment shall take effect three years after the date of ratification.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress elected from the State of Minnesota."