



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 1718

Resolution calling upon the Congress of the United States to pass, the President of the United States to sign, and a three-fourths majority of the States to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

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Whereas, The Equal Rights Amendment is an un-ratified amendment to the U.S. Constitution that addresses the equality of the rights of women under the law; and

Whereas, The Amendment would correct a profound imbalance that leaves women open to unequal treatment under the laws of the United States; and

Whereas, The Amendment would help rectify issues of discrimination and equal access and pay for women; and

Whereas, These issues continue to affect the professional and personal lives of women throughout New York City and the United States in the 21st Century; and

Whereas, The Amendment would clarify the legal status of sex discrimination for the courts, by making sex a suspect category subject to strict judicial scrutiny; and

Whereas, The Amendment would guarantee equal footing for women in the legal systems of all 50 states; and

Whereas, The Amendment would ensure that government programs and federal resources benefit men and women equally; and

Whereas, One hundred years ago, Alice Paul helped organized the Women's Suffrage Parade, marking a turning point in the struggle for the women's right to vote; and

Whereas, The Equal Rights Amendment, as drafted by Ms. Paul, was first introduced to

Congress in 1923, and subsequently reintroduced in every Congress until its passage in 1972; and

Whereas, After passage in 1972, only thirty-five states, including New York State, of the thirty-eight states required to amend the U.S. Constitution ratified the Amendment by its ratification deadline in 1982; and

Whereas, The Equal Rights Amendment has, since 1982, been reintroduced in each session of Congress, most recently by U.S. Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey on March 5, 2013, as S.J. Res. 10; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass, the President of the United States to sign, and a three-fourths majority of the States to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

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