

Rep. Warren offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide for equal rights for women.

Whereas, In spite of the clear progress that has been made over the years, women continue to face discrimination and inequality across our country. Inequities between men and women in employment and compensation, insurance, health care, education, pension and retirement, and many other areas of American life are indisputable and well documented; and

Whereas, While laws to counteract discrimination have in many situations been helpful in combating injustices, the lack of full constitutional protection for women is a glaring weakness. As a result of this omission, the American ideal of true equality for all remains elusive, well into the third century of our nation's history; and

Whereas, The Women's Equality Amendment to the United States Constitution is before the 110th Congress. It would add long-overdue language to provide that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex. This simple, yet fundamental protection has been the goal of fair-minded citizens and groups since it was first proposed in 1923; and

Whereas, Adding the Women's Equality Amendment to our nation's fundamental law to ensure the legal standing of half of our population is essential to creating our more perfect union; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide for equal rights for women; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.