

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

BY REPRESENTATIVE Luck

1 Amend engrossed joint resolution, strike lines 1 through 10 and
2 substitute:

3 "WHEREAS, In the great history of our republic, as we have sought to
4 march from subjugation to liberty and justice for all, acknowledging and
5 enshrining women's rights into the laws of the United States began even
6 before our founding, as captured well in the words of Abigail Adams, a
7 leading woman of the American Revolution, when she wrote to her
8 husband:

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10 I have sometimes been ready to think that the passion for Liberty
11 cannot be equally strong in the breasts of those who have been
12 accustomed to deprive their fellow Creatures of theirs. Of this I am
13 certain that it is not founded upon that generous and Christian
14 principle of doing to others as we would that others should do unto
15 us. [...]

16 I long to hear that you have declared an independency-and by the
17 way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary
18 for you to make, I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be
19 more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not
20 put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands.

21 Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular
22 care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to
23 foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any
24 Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation. [...]; and

25 WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth,
26 and Colorado's own Alida Avery, along with many others, carried the
27 women's rights and suffrage movement forward; and

28 WHEREAS, In 1920, the efforts of multiple generations culminated in the
29 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which
30 enfranchised all American women; and

31 WHEREAS, In furtherance of enshrining equality for women under the
32 law, Alice Paul proposed the initial version of the Equal Rights
33 Amendment ("ERA") in 1923, which stated, "Men and women shall have
34 equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its
35 jurisdiction"; and".

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