

## Senate Resolution 202

By: Senators Harrell of the 40th, Davenport of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 44th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 To commemorate the Equal Rights Amendment as the law of the land; to ratify a proposed  
2 Amendment to the United States Constitution; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which ensures equality under the law and  
4 ends discrimination on account of sex, has been ratified by the necessary states and  
5 confirmed as part of the United States Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, both houses of the 92nd Congress of the United States of America, by a  
7 constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following resolution proposing to amend  
8 the United States Constitution:

9 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED (TWO-THIRDS OF  
11 EACH HOUSE CONCURRING THEREIN), That the following article is proposed as  
12 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
13 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths  
14 of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

15 ARTICLE.....

16 Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United  
17 States or by any State on account of sex.

18 Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the  
19 provisions of this article.

20 Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification; and

21 WHEREAS, on January 17, 2025, President Joe Biden declared that the Equal Rights  
22 Amendment is officially the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

23 WHEREAS, the ratification of the ERA is a long-awaited and monumental victory in the  
24 advancement of equal rights for American women, marking the fulfillment of a promise to  
25 secure equal rights for all women under the law; and

26 WHEREAS, this achievement reflects decades of tireless advocacy and activism by  
27 individuals and organizations, who have fought relentlessly for the passage of the ERA; and

28 WHEREAS, the ERA guarantees that no individual shall be denied or abridged of their rights  
29 based on sex, strengthening the protections of liberty and justice for all enshrined in our  
30 Constitution; and

31 WHEREAS, the passage of the ERA is an affirmation of the United States' commitment to  
32 human rights, equality, and the pursuit of justice for all; and

33 WHEREAS, the ratification of the ERA strengthens our nation's commitment to eliminate  
34 the unjust discrimination against women in all areas of life, including but not limited to  
35 employment, education, healthcare, and in the home; and

36 WHEREAS, the United States joins the leading countries of the world in codifying equal  
37 rights for all women; and

38 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Georgia acknowledges the ratification of the Equal  
39 Rights Amendment and its confirmation as part of the Constitution of the United States,  
40 celebrates the achievement of this milestone, recognizes the ongoing work of those who  
41 advocated for equal rights for all Americans, and commits to continuing efforts to support  
42 and implement the values of fairness, equality, and justice for all under the law; and

43 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Georgia finds that the proposed amendment is  
44 meaningful as part of the Constitution of the United States and that the present political,  
45 social, and economic conditions demonstrate that constitutional equality for women and men  
46 continues to be a timely issue in the United States.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
48 GEORGIA that the said Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby  
49 ratified and adopted.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the  
51 Governor to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States,  
52 and the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration,  
53 pursuant to 1 U.S.C. Code Section 106b and 112, which shall serve as official notice that the  
54 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is hereby ratified  
55 by the Georgia General Assembly.