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Original sponsors: V. Fischer, Kerttula,
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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to the proposal by Congress of
6 an Equal Rights Amendment.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the first action of the Alaska Territorial Legislature in 1913
9 was to give women the right to vote; and
10 WHEREAS in 1972, shortly after the Equal Rights Amendment was passed
11 by the United States Congress, Alaska was among the first states to ratify
12 the proposed amendment; and
13 WHEREAS, effective October 14, 1972, the Constitution of the State of
14 Alaska was amended by a vote of the people to include a provision that no
15 person is to be denied the enjoyment of any civil or political right be-
16 cause of sex; and
17 WHEREAS the 1972 state constitutional amendment guaranteeing the
18 rights of women has already enhanced the ability of all citizens, not just
19 women, to achieve their full potential; and
20 WHEREAS negative results predicted by opponents of the state provision
21 guaranteeing the rights of women have not materialized; and
22 WHEREAS the 1972 constitutional amendment has not presented diffi-
23 culties but rather has eliminated some long-standing discriminatory prac-
24 tices against women in our state; and
25 WHEREAS the people of a state are free and equal only when all citi-
26 zens enjoy the same rights; and
27 WHEREAS the people of the State of Alaska wish to have the Congress
28 again propose an Equal Rights Amendment to the states for their considera-
29 tion; and

1 WHEREAS the request of the people of the State of Alaska for a propo-
2 sal by the Congress of an Equal Rights Amendment does not constitute a
3 statement in favor of homosexuality, lesbianism, and unisexuality;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is
5 respectfully requested to again propose an amendment to the United States
6 Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to all women in our nation.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
8 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
9 Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representa-
10 tives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
11 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
12 the Alaska delegation in Congress.