

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 (JUDICIARY) am**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/7/91**

**Offered: 3/15/91**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Koponen, Lincoln, Brown, Boyer, Bruckman, Carney, B.Davis, Donley, Ellis, Finkelstein, Hudson, Ivan, Mackie, MacLean, Moyer, Navarre, Ulmer, Choquette, Davidson**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the Equal Rights Amendment.**

**2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**3 WHEREAS** approximately 31,000 women, six percent of the total United States forces in the  
**4 Persian Gulf, have served in that conflict; and**

**5 WHEREAS** women have shown themselves to be the equal of men in their willingness to  
**6 volunteer for active duty and risk their lives for our country; and**

**7 WHEREAS** both sexes should be entitled to the equal protection under the laws of the United  
**8 States and the several states; and**

**9 WHEREAS** 200 years after the ratification of the United States Constitution, women do not yet  
**10 enjoy the basic "equality of rights under the law" that a federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would**  
**11 provide; and**

**12 WHEREAS** the ERA is needed to achieve permanent protection against sexual discrimination  
**13 because individual laws can be repealed at any time; and**

**14 WHEREAS** a federal ERA would extend the equal protection of the laws to all Americans of  
**15 both sexes; and**

**16 WHEREAS** passage of the ERA will reaffirm our strong national policy to guarantee equal rights  
**17 and prohibit discrimination based on sex; and**

1       **WHEREAS** in 1972 Alaska became the 17th state to ratify the ERA, and amended art. I, sec. 3,  
2 of the Alaska Constitution to add its own "Little ERA," thus reaffirming its own long-standing basic  
3 commitment to fundamental human rights; and

4       **WHEREAS** SJR 3 in the United States Senate and HJR 1 in the United States House of  
5 Representatives both propose the Equal Rights Amendment;

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to give  
7 early consideration to and promptly pass SJR 3 and HJR 1, thus resubmitting to the states for ratification  
8 the Equal Rights Amendment, which will amend the United States Constitution to state:

9               "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the  
10              United States or by any State on account of sex"; and be it

11       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature invites all other state legislatures to  
12 join in this request to the Congress and in early ratification of the amendment.

13       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
14 States; Barbara Bush, First Lady of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the  
15 United States and President of the U.S. Senate; Marilyn Quayle; the Honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary  
16 of the U.S. Department of Defense; Lynne Cheney; General Colin Powell, Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff;  
17 Alma Powell; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Heather  
18 Foley; the Honorable George J. Mitchell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Richard A.  
19 Gephardt, U.S. House Majority Leader; Jane Gephardt; the Honorable Robert Dole, U.S. Senate Minority  
20 Leader; Elizabeth Dole; the Honorable Robert H. Michel, U.S. House Minority Leader; Corinne Michel;  
21 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
22 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; Catherine Stevens; Nancy  
23 Murkowski; Lula Young; and to all 49 other state legislatures.