

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.240

Reps. Kuppa, Elder, Sowerby, Camilleri, Peterson, Haadsma, Coleman, Garza, Hammoud, Tyrone Carter, Shannon, Cherry, Sabo, Tate, Hoadley, Ellison, Byrd, Hertel, Koleszar, Robinson, Liberati, Sneller, Chirkun, LaGrand, Rabhi, Wittenberg, Manoogian, Pohutsky, Gay-Dagnogo, Hood, Vaupel, Cynthia Johnson, Mueller, Stone, Kennedy, Lasinski, Brenda Carter, Hope, Greig, Guerra, Cambensy, Jones, Brixie, Witwer, Garrett, Clemente, Whitsett, Anthony, Yancey, Love and Warren offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage Congress to extend the ratification
2 deadline of the Equal Rights Amendment and affirm the amendment's
3 adoption.

4 Whereas, The Equal Rights Amendment, first introduced in 1923
5 after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment securing women the
6 right to vote, proposed to establish equal rights for men and



1 women. The Equal Rights Amendment was considered a logical next
2 step in ensuring women fair treatment and equal access to
3 opportunity, and remains necessary today; and

4 Whereas, A half century later, the Equal Rights Amendment was
5 approved by Congress and proposed to the states for ratification in
6 1972. The amendment's proposing clause included a seven-year
7 deadline for ratification, which Congress later extended; and

8 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature adopted HJR LLL in 1972 to
9 ratify the amendment. Between 1972 and 1982, 34 more state
10 legislatures approved the amendment, three states short of the
11 number required for ratification; and

12 Whereas, There has been a renewed interest in ratifying the
13 Equal Rights Amendment in recent years. In 2017 and 2018,
14 respectively, the Nevada and Illinois legislatures ratified the
15 amendment. In January 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to
16 ratify the amendment; and

17 Whereas, The Equal Rights Amendment has met the constitutional
18 requirement for ratification under Article V of the United States
19 Constitution. It has been properly ratified by three fourths of
20 the legislatures of the states; and

21 Whereas, In order to reflect the will of the states, Congress
22 needs to repeal or extend the original 1979 ratification deadline,
23 an action it has taken for previous amendments. Under Article V,
24 Congress has the broad authority to extend the deadline; and

25 Whereas, It has been almost a century since the Equal Rights
26 Amendment was first introduced. It is long past time that we
27 guarantee equality, security, and prosperity for women and men;
28 now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage



1 Congress to extend the ratification deadline of the Equal Rights
2 Amendment and affirm the amendment's adoption; and be it further
3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
4 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
5 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
6 congressional delegation.