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Representative Smith, M.

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brent, Miller, J., Miller, A., Galonski, Jarrells, Smith, K.,
Sweeney, Upchurch, Lightbody, Skindell, Sobecki, Crossman**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Archivist Debra Steidel Wall to 1
certify the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to 2
the Constitution of the United States of America. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has been approved 4
by two-thirds of both chambers of Congress and has been ratified 5
by three-fourths of the states, including Hawaii (March 22, 6
1972), New Hampshire (March 23, 1972), Delaware (March 23, 7
1972), Iowa (March 24, 1972), Idaho (March 24, 1972), Kansas 8
(March 28, 1972), Nebraska (March 29, 1972), Texas (March 30, 9
1972), Tennessee (April 4, 1972), Alaska (April 5, 1972), Rhode 10
Island (April 14, 1972), New Jersey (April 17, 1972), Colorado 11
(April 21, 1972), West Virginia (April 22, 1972), Wisconsin 12
(April 26, 1972), New York (May 18, 1972), Michigan (May 22, 13
1972), Maryland (May 26, 1972), Massachusetts (June 21, 1972), 14
Kentucky (June 27, 1972), Pennsylvania (September 27, 1972), 15
California (November 13, 1972), Wyoming (January 26, 1973), 16
South Dakota (February 5, 1973), Oregon (February 8, 1973), 17
Minnesota (February 8, 1973), New Mexico (February 28, 1973), 18
Vermont (March 1, 1973), Connecticut (March 15, 1973), 19

Washington (March 22, 1973), Maine (January 18, 1974), Montana 20
(January 25, 1974), Ohio (February 7, 1974), North Dakota 21
(February 3, 1975), Indiana (January 18, 1977), Nevada (March 22, 2017), Illinois (May 30, 2018), and Virginia (January 27, 2020); and 24

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Archivist of the United 25
States to certify a proposed amendment as valid and as part of 26
the United States Constitution once it has been ratified by 27
three-fourths of the states; and 28

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the ERA states that the amendment 29
shall take effect 2 years after the last constitutionally 30
necessary state ratification occurs, which was January 27, 2020; 31
and 32

WHEREAS, The certification of the amendment is needed to 33
ensure that the basic rights of women, girls, and marginalized 34
genders are protected. Without the ERA, women will continue to 35
face issues like sex discrimination, employment disparity, and 36
pay gaps. The ERA will ensure that Congress has more authority 37
to enact laws regarding sex equality; now therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 39
Assembly of the State of Ohio, call upon the United States 40
Archivist to certify the ERA as the 28th Amendment to the 41
Constitution of the United States of America; and be it further 42

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 43
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to each 44
member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the United States 45
Archivist, and the news media of Ohio. 46