

would honor itself in promptly issuing a commemorative stamp in honor of the late Senator Tydings; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Post Office Department be requested to waive the so-called twenty-five year rule and to permit the prompt issue of a commemorative stamp for the former Senator Millard E. Tydings of the State of Maryland; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of the State of Maryland be requested to send copies of this Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to the Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Post Office Department and to each member of the Maryland delegation in the Congress of the United States.*

Approved March 23, 1961.

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No. 17

(House Joint Resolution 14)

House Joint Resolution in support of ~~the~~ AN Equal Rights for Women Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

The General Assembly of Maryland, voicing the sentiments of the women of this State, fully supports ~~the AN Equal Rights for Women Amendment pending in the Congress of the United States, and is~~ AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IS requesting the Congress to submit ~~this~~ SUCH A proposed amendment to the States for a vote.

The women of this country now have certain rights of citizenship, and the right of suffrage, but there are still many instances of gross inequality in their rights as contrasted with those of men under both Federal and State laws. These inequalities are contrary to the basic principles of a republican form of government. For this reason, the Constitution of the United States should be amended to incorporate in this basic document a positive guarantee of equality under the law regardless of sex.

The AN Equal Rights for Women Amendment would remove from women ~~the~~ ANY remaining common law and statutory law stigmas of inferiority DISABILITIES and it would provide a standard by which to measure policies and customs which are not directly controlled by law. It would remove women from their present classification with minors and would give them full control of their own lives and an unlimited opportunity to fulfill their responsibilities of citizenship.

This vital change should be made by constitutional amendment in order to accomplish the change in the fundamental law of the United States. Equality of rights is too important to be left to statutory law and far too important to be left to the individual States.

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.