

RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Senior Citizen Activity Centers be staffed by the Maryland State Office on Aging, the Department of Fiscal Services, and the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the Department of State Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a report of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force be submitted to the Governor by September 1, 1983; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin Cardin, the Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable Melvin Steinberg, the President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Director of the Maryland State Office on Aging, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Signed May 24, 1983.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 1)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

The Equal Rights Amendment

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to again pass the Equal Rights Amendment so that it may be submitted to the states for ratification.

WHEREAS, Equality is a basic constitutional right which must be guaranteed all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) recognizes the fundamental dignity and individuality of each human being by requiring that governments treat each person, male or female, as a citizen under the law without regard to gender; and

WHEREAS, ~~A Constitutional Amendment is the only permanent insurance women will have of equal opportunities in education, employment, credit, retirement plans, and numerous other areas, and~~

WHEREAS, ~~The American Bar Association explained the need for the ERA in that "No ordinary statute can provide the bedrock protection assured by a Constitutional Amendment. No court decision can provide that protection, for the courts can interpret, but they may not amend the Constitution"; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~The existing constitutional guarantees will not mandate the changes that are needed since the United States~~

* Also signed by the Governor