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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled (twothirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-3 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when 6 7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several 8 States:

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"ARTICLE —

10 "SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall
11 not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any
12 State on account of sex.

"SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to
 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this
 article.

4 "SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two5 years after the date of ratification.".