

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 388**

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Sponsors: Representatives Adams; Easterling, McAllister, Goodwin, Mosley, Jeffus, and Miller.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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March 10, 1999

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO ADOPT  
2 THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL  
3 FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

4 Whereas, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of  
5 Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on  
6 December 18, 1979, became an international treaty on September 3, 1981; and

7 Whereas, as of March 1999, 162 countries had ratified the Convention and six  
8 states had endorsed the United States ratification in their state legislatures; and

9 Whereas, the Convention provides a comprehensive framework for challenging  
10 the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on sex against  
11 half the world's population, and the nations in support of the present Convention have  
12 agreed to follow Convention prescriptions; and

13 Whereas, the State of North Carolina shares the goals of the Convention,  
14 namely, affirming faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the  
15 human person, and in the equal rights of women; and

16 Whereas, although women have made major gains in the struggle for equality  
17 in social, business, political, legal, educational, and other fields in this century, there is  
18 much yet to be accomplished; and

19 Whereas, the State of North Carolina recognizes the greatly increased  
20 interdependence of the people of the world; and

1           Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate to support ratification of the most  
2 important international agreement affecting the lives of women throughout the world;  
3 Now, therefore,

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5           Section 1. The House of Representatives urges the citizens of North Carolina  
6 to recognize that we are citizens of the world with responsibilities extending beyond the  
7 boundaries of our city, State, and nation. The House of Representatives further urges the  
8 United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All  
9 Forms of Discrimination Against Women and to support the Convention's continuing  
10 goals.

11           Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this resolution  
12 to the Secretary of the Senate and to each member of North Carolina's Congressional  
13 Delegation.

14           Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.