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# H. J. RES. 40

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2007

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

## 1                   “ARTICLE—

2        “SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall  
3    not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any  
4    State on account of sex.

5        “SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
6    enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this  
7    article.

8        “SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two  
9    years after the date of ratification.”.

