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STATE OF COLORADO

BY SENATOR Rupert.

SENATE RESOLUTION 00-012

101 CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON
102 THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
103 WOMEN BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

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

5 WHEREAS, As of March of 1999, 162 countries had ratified the
6 Convention and the state legislatures of six states had endorsed the
7 United States' ratification of the Convention; and

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

13 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado shares the goals of the
14 Convention, namely affirming faith in fundamental human rights, in the
15 dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of women;
16 and

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

20 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado recognizes the greatly
21 increased interdependence of the people of the world; and

22 WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to support ratification of
23 the most important international agreement affecting the lives of women
24 throughout the world; now, therefore,

25 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-second General Assembly*

1 *of the State of Colorado:*

2 1. That the citizens of Colorado recognize that we are citizens of
3 the world, with responsibilities extending beyond the boundaries of our
4 city, state, and nation.

5 2. That the Colorado Senate urges the United States Senate to
6 ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
7 Discrimination Against Women and to support the continuing goals of
8 that Convention.

9 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be
10 transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Senate and to each
11 member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.