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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999
INTRODUCED BY
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A MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE UNITED
NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

WHEREAS, the united nations convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women was adopted by the united nations general assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty on September 3, 1981 and, as of December 1997, one hundred sixty-one nations have ratified or acceded to the convention's provisions; and

WHEREAS, the United States is considered a world leader in human rights, supports and has a position of leadership in the united nations, was an active participant in the drafting of and is a signatory of the convention and yet is one of the few nations that has not ratified the treaty; and

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1 WHEREAS, the spirit of the convention is rooted in the
2 goals of the united nations and the United States that seek to
3 affirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and
4 worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and
5 women; and

6 WHEREAS, the convention provides a comprehensive
7 framework for challenging the various forces that have created
8 and sustained discrimination based on sex against half of the
9 world's population, and the ratifying nations have agreed to
10 follow the convention's prescriptions; and

11 WHEREAS, women have made significant gains in the
12 struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal
13 and educational fields, but much more remains to be
14 accomplished, and through its support, leadership and
15 prestige, the United States can help create a world where
16 women are no longer discriminated against and can achieve the
17 most fundamental of human rights, equality;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
20 States senate be requested to ratify the united nations
21 convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination
22 against women and to support the convention's continuing
23 goals; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to United States Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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21 R. David Pederson, Chairman
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4 Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

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8 Date _____

10 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 6

12 Excused: Godbey, Luna, Martinez, Rios, Vaughn, Sanchez

13 Absent: None

15 J: \99BillsWP\HM04

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