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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 08-1009**

101     **CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON**  
102             **THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST**  
103             **WOMEN.**

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1             WHEREAS, The United States supports and has been an active  
2 participant in the drafting of, and is a signatory to, the United Nations  
3 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against  
4 Women, but the U.S. Senate has failed to ratify the Convention; and

5             WHEREAS, The spirit of the Convention is rooted in the goals of  
6 the United Nations and the United States, to affirm faith in fundamental  
7 human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the  
8 equal rights of men and women; and

9             WHEREAS, The Convention provides a comprehensive  
10 framework for challenging the various forces that have created and  
11 sustained discrimination based on gender against one-half of the world's  
12 population; and

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1           WHEREAS, Although women have made major gains in the  
2 struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal, educational, and  
3 other fields during the past century, there is much yet to be accomplished;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Through its support, leadership, and prestige, the  
6 United States can help create a world in which women are no longer  
7 discriminated against and have achieved one of the most fundamental of  
8 human rights, equality; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed the  
10 Convention and submitted it to the Senate for ratification; and

11           WHEREAS, The U.S. is the only country to have signed but not  
12 ratified the convention; and

13           WHEREAS, Ratification of the Convention would entitle the  
14 United States to join the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of  
15 All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, which monitors reports of  
16 progress in the treatment of women from the countries that have ratified  
17 the Convention; and

18           WHEREAS, As of November, 2007, a total of 185 countries have  
19 ratified or acceded to the Convention, and the state legislatures of more  
20 than 10 states have endorsed U.S. ratification; now, therefore,

21           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth*  
22 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

23           That the members of the Colorado General Assembly support the  
24 continuing goals of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of  
25 All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and strongly urge the  
26 United States Senate to ratify the Convention.

27           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
28 to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United  
29 States, the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and  
30 Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Chair and members of the  
31 Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to each member of the  
32 Colorado Congressional delegation.