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Rep. Frankel Supports Resolution to Remove Ratification Deadline for Equal Rights Amendment



On Wednesday, Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-21) took to the House floor to speak in support of H. J. Res. 79, a resolution to remove the arbitrary deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The resolution passed the House by a vote of 232 to 183, and now awaits action in the Senate.

Below are Rep. Frankel's remarks as delivered:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today, I rise in support of the resolution to remove the arbitrary deadline for ratification

of the Equal Rights Amendment, which is designed to end the legal distinctions between men and women.

Madam Speaker, signed in 1776, the Declaration of Independence states: "All men are created equal."

Really?

Following the birth of our nation, it took women 144 years to secure the right to vote - even longer for women of color. It took 187 years to be promised equal pay, 197 years to get reproductive rights, and 198 years to get a credit card or buy a home.

And yet, Madam Speaker, the women of this country are still fighting for equality.

Madam Speaker, we are tired of waiting.

And I yield back."

For video of the speech, click [here](#).

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