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Synopsis

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Text

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled, in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress, as follows:

WHEREAS, children's rights require special protection and continuous improvement all over the world, as well as calling for the development and education of children in conditions of peace and security; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has proclaimed that the period of childhood is entitled to special care and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the child should grow up in a family environment with happiness, love and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the child should be fully prepared to live the life of an individual in society; and

WHEREAS, the child should be brought up with dignity in a spirit of peace, tolerance, freedom, equality and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, in all countries of the world, there are children living in exceptionally difficult conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have international cooperation in order to improve the living conditions of children in every country, in particular in the developing countries; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child has broken all records as the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history; and

WHEREAS, the convention is the most rapidly and widely adopted human rights treaty in history with 191 States Parties; and

WHEREAS, only 2 countries have not ratified this agreement, Somalia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the uniqueness of the treaty is that it is the first legally binding international instrument to incorporate the full range of children's human rights, which include civil and political rights as well as their economic, social and cultural rights, thus giving all rights equal emphasis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, request the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan; each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation; the Speaker of the

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House or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; and the President of the Senate or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states.

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