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## **Synopsis**

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### JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate of the United States of America, in executive session assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the State of Oregon is committed to the health, safety, education and growth of its children and children everywhere; and

Whereas the United States, based on its history and tradition of human rights and responsibilities, must demonstrate its dedication to provide all children with a better today and a better tomorrow; and

Whereas children in Oregon and the United States continue to face considerable hardships, including insufficient health care, inadequate educational opportunities and high rates of poverty, abuse and neglect, hunger, infant mortality, incarceration, adolescent pregnancy, suicide and firearm-related deaths; and

Whereas, according to a recent UNICEF report, the United States has the highest child poverty rate and the highest child abuse death rate among the world's 24 wealthiest countries; and

Whereas every child is entitled to the fundamental necessities of life, including the rights to food, clothing, shelter, health care, and education, protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation, and freedom from discrimination; and

Whereas due to the vulnerable status of children, it is the responsibility of governments to ensure that children receive the level of support necessary for the realization of these rights and protections; and

Whereas each child, for the full and harmonious development of the child's personality, should grow up in a family environment in which an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding exists; and

Whereas on November 20, 1989, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**, which was drafted with the specific purpose of promoting and protecting the well-being of all children regardless of national boundaries; and

Whereas the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** has been ratified by 193 nations that have used this document to guide the development and implementation of policies and programs that specifically meet the needs of children and families; and

Whereas the United States and Somalia are the only two nations that are members of the United Nations and that have not also ratified the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**; and

Whereas the United States formally signed the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** in 1995, signifying its intent to ratify the Convention; and

Whereas the United States should be more cooperative in working with the international community to address the global needs of children; and

Whereas in May 2008, the Portland City Council joined a growing list of cities and states across the country that have passed resolutions urging the United States to ratify the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**; now, therefore,

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### SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Urges United States Senate to pass binding legislation ratifying United Nations Convention on Rights of Child.

## Text

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Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

- (1) That the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States to submit the United Nations **Convention on the Rights of the Child** to the United States Senate for ratification and urges the Senate to ratify the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**; and
- (2) That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders and to both Oregon Senators.

## History

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