

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.106

Senator Alexander offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
2 passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States
3 Constitution.

4 Whereas, Between 1919 and 1920, The Sixty-Sixth United States
5 Congress and state legislatures debated whether to amend the
6 Constitution to provide suffrage to women; and

7 Whereas, The 19th Amendment was guided by the shared ideals of
8 freedom, sovereignty, democracy, civil liberties, and individual
9 rights; and

10 Whereas, The U.S. House of Representatives approved the
11 proposed 19th amendment on May 21, 1919 followed by the U.S. Senate
12 on June 4, 1919; and

1 Whereas, The introduction, passage, and ratification of the
2 19th Amendment culminated the decades of struggles and work by
3 advocates of women's rights across the United States and worldwide;
4 and

5 Whereas, The ratification of the 19th Amendment in the United
6 States ensured that women could fully participate in our democracy,
7 while changing the role of women's civic responsibilities; and

8 Whereas, On August 18, 1920, three-fourths of the states
9 ratified the 19th Amendment which provided the necessary support
10 under Article V of the Constitution. Then, the 19th Amendment
11 became part of the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
14 body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage and
15 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States
16 Constitution; and be it further

17 Resolved, That we reaffirm the desire of Congress to continue
18 to strengthen democratic participation and inspire future
19 generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent
20 established under the 19th Amendment.