

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Did you know??

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Dear Colleague,

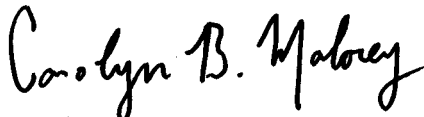
Throughout the mid-to-late 1900's, legislative efforts increased women's rights...but the gains were often hard won! Why is there such strong opposition to giving women the same rights as men?

- Did you know...The **19th Amendment** which grants women the right to vote was slimly ratified? It came down to one single vote in the state of Tennessee.
- Did you know...**The Civil Rights Act of 1964** which bans discrimination because of a person's color, race, national origin, religion, or *sex* was passed after a 75-day *filibuster* in the Senate? The debate was one of the longest in Senate history.

It is time we make women full and equal citizens of the United States. In 2002, is there still such strong opposition? Are you opposed to granting women equal rights?

It is time equality is guaranteed to all persons regardless of gender. For more information about H.J.Res.40, or to become a cosponsor, please contact me or have your staff contact Mimi Aledo at 5-7944.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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