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ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

I urge that this day, August 26, which marks the 51st anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right of suffrage, not only honor the memory of women who devoted their lives to securing the vote, but also be set aside as a day to rally support for the unfinished business of full equality for women.

While the focus on this day is quite properly on the passage of the long overdue Equal Rights Amendment, there are other matters on the Congressional agenda which should be brought to swift completion. These are matters which affect in one way or another every woman in the United States. All women are entitled to equality in the areas of employment, social security benefits, tax deductions, provision for child care, and education and job training. The Women's Equality Act should be enacted in this Congress.

Persistent attention to the achievement of full equality for women acknowledges our need to make the greatest possible use of all of our human resources. It will also help us to solve our national problems by substantially increasing the impact of knowledgeable and skilled women on our national policies.

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