

SENATE No. 2415

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act Resolve for memorializing the Massachusetts Delegation, and the United States Congress, on the need for official, and general support of a Federal ERA, suitably amending The Constitution of The United States, and encouraging public education regarding this subject matter.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2415) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation to memorialize the Massachusetts Delegation, and the United States Congress, on the need for official, and general support of a Federal ERA, suitably amending The Constitution of The United States, and encouraging public education regarding this subject matter. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act Resolve for memorializing the Massachusetts Delegation, and the United States Congress, on the need for official, and general support of a Federal ERA, suitably amending The Constitution of The United States, and encouraging public education regarding this subject matter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Resolve for memorializing the Massachusetts Delegation, and the United States
2 Congress, on the need for official, and general support of a Federal ERA, and public education,
3 regarding this subject.

4 Resolved, 1.) The Great and General Court of Massachusetts, hereby Resolves that we
5 officially support, and generally support, the adoption of a Federal Equal Rights Amendment
6 (ERA) to The United States Constitution.

7 2.) Since the formal adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Massachusetts
8 Constitution, in 1976, general public opinion, and legal circumstance(s), have generally found

9 that this was a good expansion of full rights, to an expanded portion of the population, of our
10 Commonwealth.

11 3.) It is in the interests of respecting a widened sweep of rights for our population, and
12 particularly across the states of The United States, keeping peaceful, social, and legal freedoms,
13 and expanding those freedoms, and their appropriate legal evolution, that The United States
14 Constitution should include such rights, in specific language. Massachusetts wishes to go on
15 record, as supporting such efforts.

16 4.) Massachusetts as a leader, in The United States; and The United States as a leader in
17 the World, would benefit, by both strong support, and significant public education, on the values,
18 and benefits of this Equal Rights Amendment.

19 5.) This legislation authorizes, significant, and sufficient notification of Congressional,
20 and other Federal authorities, and others; and such appropriate public education, and publicity, as
21 is appropriate.