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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ADMISSION OF WASHINGTON, D.C., INTO THE UNION AS  
A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1           WHEREAS, the people living on the land that would  
2 eventually be designated as the District of Columbia were  
3 provided the right to vote for representation in Congress when  
4 the United States Constitution was ratified in 1788; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the passage of the Organic Act of 1801 placed the  
7 District of Columbia under the exclusive authority of the United  
8 States Congress and abolished residents' right to vote for  
9 members of Congress, President of the United States, and Vice  
10 President of the United States; and  
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12           WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia were granted  
13 the right to vote for the President of the United States and  
14 Vice President of the United States through passage of the  
15 Twenty-Third Amendment to the United States Constitution in  
16 1961; and  
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18           WHEREAS, as of 2021, the United States Census Bureau  
19 estimates that the District of Columbia's population of  
20 approximately 689,545 is comparable to the populations of  
21 Wyoming at 576,851, Vermont at 643,077, Alaska at 733,391 and  
22 North Dakota at 779,094; and  
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24           WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia share all  
25 the responsibilities of United States citizenship, including  
26 paying more federal taxes than residents of twenty-two states,  
27 service on federal juries, and defending the United States as  
28 members of the United States armed forces in every war since the  
29 War for Independence, yet they are denied full representation in  
30 Congress; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia  
2 themselves have endorsed statehood for the District of Columbia  
3 and passed a District-wide referendum on November 8, 2016, which  
4 favored statehood by eighty-six percent; and

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6           WHEREAS, no other democratic nation denies the right of  
7 self-government, including participation in its national  
8 legislature, to the residents of its capital; and

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10          WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia lack  
11 full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the  
12 residents of the fifty states; and

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14          WHEREAS, the United States Congress repeatedly has  
15 interfered with the District of Columbia's limited self-  
16 government by enacting laws that affect the District of  
17 Columbia's expenditure of its locally raised tax revenue,  
18 including barring the usage of locally raised revenue, thus  
19 violating the fundamental principle that states and local  
20 governments are best suited to enact legislation that represents  
21 the will of their citizens; and

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23          WHEREAS, although the District of Columbia has passed  
24 consecutive balanced budgets since fiscal year 1997, it still  
25 faces the possibility of being shut down yearly because of  
26 Congressional deliberations over the federal budget; and

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28          WHEREAS, District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes  
29 Norton introduced the Washington, D.C. Statehood Act with one  
30 hundred sixty-five original cosponsors in the 118th Congress in  
31 January 2023, after previously introduced versions of the bill  
32 passed the United States House of Representatives in June 2019  
33 for the first time in two hundred twenty years then again in  
34 April 2021; and

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36          WHEREAS, the United Nations Human Rights Committee has  
37 called on the United States Congress to address the District of  
38 Columbia's lack of political equality, and the Organization of  
39 American States has declared the disenfranchisement of the  
40 District of Columbia residents a violation of its charter  
41 agreement, to which the United States is a signatory; now,  
42 therefore,



