

# Women Lawyers In Bergen

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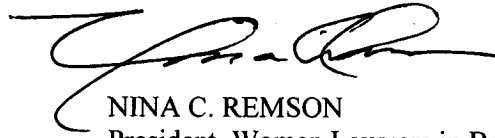
Senator Robert Menendez  
One Gateway Center, Suite 1100  
Newark, NJ 07102

Senator Robert Menendez  
528 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Menendez:

It is my pleasure to enclose Resolutions of Women Lawyers in Bergen in support of awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to New Jersey native Alice Paul and in support of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. On behalf of our membership, I wish to express our gratitude to our public officials who dedicate themselves to service of our State and Nation and strive for more diverse and inclusive communities that value all people. We thank you for your commitment to gender equality and the recognition of heroic women leaders.

Respectfully submitted,



NINA C. REMSON  
President, Women Lawyers in Bergen

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cc: Dana M. Burley, Clerk of the General Assembly  
Alice Paul Institute  
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National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

# WOMEN LAWYERS IN BERGEN

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey General Assembly has introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152, which respectfully memorializes Congress to pass S.1980, introduced by Senator Robert Menendez, which posthumously awards a Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Paul in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women,

**WHEREAS**, Alice Paul was born in New Jersey and was instrumental in the passage and ratification in 1920 of the Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote on the basis of sex,

**WHEREAS**, Alice Paul penned the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923—introduced in every Congressional term between 1923 and 1972—and continued to advocate on behalf of women until her death on July 9, 1977,

**WHEREAS**, Women Lawyers in Bergen has resolved to support and actively work towards the goal of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**WHEREAS**, Few people have played a greater role in shaping the history of the United States than Alice Paul,

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152 and S.1980 are consistent with the mission statement and goals of this bar association by recognizing the important work of an advocate for justice and equality for women,

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that Women Lawyers in Bergen supports awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Walker for her achievements in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women .

I, Michele S. Austin, Secretary of Women Lawyers in Bergen, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2016.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary on behalf of Women Lawyers

in Bergen on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
MICHELE S. AUSTIN, ESQ. Secretary  
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**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Bar Association introduced a Resolution to the American Bar Association House of Delegates in support of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution and the New Jersey Bar State Association and the American Bar Association have adopted said Resolution, and have called upon all bar associations to support and take up the pursuit of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

*Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.*

*Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.*

*Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.*


**WHEREAS**, a Resolution in support of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution is consistent with the mission statement and goals of this bar association,

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that Women Lawyers in Bergen supports constitutional equality for women, and urges the extension of legal rights, privileges and responsibilities to all persons, regardless of sex.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Women Lawyers in Bergen affirms its support of and intent to affirmatively act toward the goal of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I, Michele S. Austin, Secretary of Women Lawyers in Bergen, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2016.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary on behalf of Women Lawyers in Bergen on this 28th day of March 2016.

  
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MICHELE S. AUSTIN, ESQ. Secretary  
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