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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ***11***

A RESOLUTION commemorating the ratification of the seventeenth amendment to the United States Constitution.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horrigan, Straf 6; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills 28; Rep. Timothy Smith, Hills 17

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This house concurrent resolution commemorates the ratification of the seventeenth amendment to the United States Constitution concerning the direct election of senators.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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1 Whereas, prior to 1913 the United States Constitution provided that senators were elected by the
2 state legislatures; and

3 Whereas, in May 1912 the United States Congress passed a proposal for a constitutional
4 amendment requiring direct elections for the Senate for ratification by the states; and

5 Whereas, on February 19, 1913 the state of New Hampshire ratified the amendment; and

6 Whereas, the amendment was formally declared adopted on May 31, 1913 when $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states
7 had ratified the proposed amendment, making it the Seventeenth Amendment to the United State
8 Constitution; and

9 Whereas, on November 3, 1914 with the direct election of 32 United States Senators,
10 Jacob Harold Gallinger became the first senator from New Hampshire elected by popular vote; and

11 Whereas, that the seventeenth amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteed the
12 right of the people to elect their own United States senators; and

13 Whereas, that the first national general election for senators held 100 years ago was a huge step
14 forward for democracy; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

16 That the general court of New Hampshire hereby affirms the state's support for the direct
17 election of senators; and

18 That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the house clerk to the governor and the members
19 of New Hampshire's Congressional delegation.