

**HR 26 - AS INTRODUCED**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 26**

**A RESOLUTION** expressing support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the United States of America.

**SPONSORS:** Rep. Rosenwald, Hills 22; Rep. Shurtleff, Merr 10; Rep. Cote, Hills 23; Rep. Foose, Merr 1; Rep. G. Richardson, Merr 4; Rep. Katsakiores, Rock 5; Rep. J. Brown, Straf 1

**COMMITTEE:** State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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**ANALYSIS**

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

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1       Whereas, over 600,000 citizens of the District of Columbia pay taxes to the federal government  
2 but are denied voting representation in the Congress of the United States; and

3       Whereas, over 192,000 citizens of the District of Columbia have fought in our armed forces in  
4 service to our nation; and

5       Whereas, the federal government has seen fit to send its armed forces, among them District of  
6 Columbia citizens, to fight on foreign soil in support and defense of democratic ideals while denying  
7 the residents of our own national capital the right of legislative representation; and

8       Whereas, those efforts to spread liberty and democracy to the far corners of the globe are  
9 undermined and diminished by the denial of democratic rights to over 600,000 citizens of the United  
10 States of America; and

11       Whereas, 8 service members from the District of Columbia have lost their lives in the conflicts in  
12 Iraq and Afghanistan; and

13       Whereas, the United States is the only nation in the world with a representative, democratic  
14 constitution that denies voting representation in the national legislature to the citizens of the  
15 capital; and

16       Whereas, the District of Columbia is the only political and geographical entity within the United  
17 States whose citizens bear the full responsibilities of citizenship without sharing in the appropriate  
18 privileges of citizenship; and

19       Whereas, this body is a shining example of representational democracy; now, therefore, be it  
20 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

21       That the New Hampshire house of representatives declares its support for admitting the District  
22 of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the United States of America; and

23       That the New Hampshire house of representatives formally declares its support for full  
24 representative democracy for the citizens of the District of Columbia; and

25       That the house clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States of  
26 America, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the  
27 United States Senate, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and the Chairman of the Council of the  
28 District of Columbia, so that they may be apprised of the sentiments of the New Hampshire house of  
29 representatives on this matter.