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The Honorable Karen Haas
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Room H154
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the state of Utah, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1977, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
Chairman

HUMAN LIFE RESOLUTION

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE 42ND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF UTAH
APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO
GUARANTEE THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN LIFE.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Utah:

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has interpreted the provisions of the Constitution of the United States to allow the taking of human life in certain pre-natal stages;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has interpreted provisions of the Constitution of the United States to demand the taking of human life in certain pre-natal stages at the request of the mother, although not required to prevent the death of the mother; and

WHEREAS, these interpretations have thrust concepts upon the citizens of this nation which were never confronted by our forefathers in drafting the original document, and which massive numbers of persons, including the citizens of this state, find repulsive to the American way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 42nd Legislature of the State of Utah respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of drafting and submitting for ratification by the states, as provided by Article V of the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution that will guarantee to every human life, from the moment of fertilization throughout its natural existence, in

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every state, territory, and possession of the United States, the full protection of all laws respecting life, excepting an unborn child whose mother's life would otherwise be lost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature appeals to the legislatures of our sister states to give to this problem involving the preservation of human life, the earliest possible consideration, and to join with this Legislature and the legislatures of our sister states who have already taken a similar stand in favor of the preservation of life to likewise apply to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Utah be and hereby is directed to transmit copies of this application to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, to those members of said bodies representing this state, and to the legislatures of all other states of the United States.