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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 (114<sup>th</sup> Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Nevada, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2017, as purporting to be a rescission of a prior 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

FILE NUMBER.....

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Rescinding all previous resolutions of the Nevada Legislature which requested Congress to convene a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was initially convened to make revisions to the Articles of Confederation and this Convention decided instead to discard the Articles of Confederation entirely and create a new system of government; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution has served as the cornerstone of American liberty since its creation in 1787 and was the first written national constitution to set forth a system of separation of powers and to ensure that the rights of minority groups could not be easily trampled upon by the will of the majority; and

WHEREAS, Despite turmoil and grave political and economic concerns, including, without limitation, the contested presidential elections of 1800, 1876 and 2000, the Civil War and the Great Depression, a subsequent constitutional convention has not been held since 1787; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution has proven to be resilient and has been amended only 27 times during the course of its 230-year history; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the Congress of the United States to convene a constitutional convention upon the application of two-thirds of the several states; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has, at various times, passed resolutions requesting Congress to convene a convention, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to propose amendments to the Constitution relating to a wide range of subjects; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of time, the will of the people of the State of Nevada may have changed relating to these resolutions; and

WHEREAS, A constitutional convention convened by Congress could make sweeping changes to the United States Constitution and threaten the liberty of future generations of Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature is aware that other state legislatures have made applications requesting that Congress convene a constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature no longer supports its previous resolutions which requested that Congress convene a



constitutional convention, most of which were adopted over three decades ago, and does not wish for these resolutions to be included with similar applications which were made by other state legislatures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby rescind, repeal, cancel, void, nullify and supersede each previous resolution passed by the Nevada Legislature which requested the Congress of the United States to convene a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge each state legislature which requested Congress to convene a constitutional convention to withdraw such applications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

