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August 1, 2016

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 South Dakota, 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

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Department of State

United States of America, }
State of South Dakota, } SECRETARY'S OFFICE

This is to certify that the attached instrument of writing is a true, correct and examined copy of House Joint Resolution No. 503, as filed in this office March 16, 1977;

and the whole thereof, and has been carefully compared with the original now on file in this office and is correct.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota at the City of Pierre, the Capital, on this6th... day ofApril....., 19...77...

Lynna B. Kerseth
Secretary of State

By
Assistant Secretary of State.

FEES \$... OFFICIAL BUSINESS

A JOINT RESOLUTION, making application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing a human life amendment to the Constitution of the United States in accordance with article V of said Constitution.

WHEREAS, millions of abortions have been performed in the United States since the abortion decision of the Supreme Court of January 22, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has not to date proposed, subject to ratification, a human life amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the event of such congressional inaction, article V of the Constitution of the United States grants to the states the right to initiate constitutional change by applications from the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states to the Congress, calling for a constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is required by the Constitution to call such a convention upon the receipt of applications from the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislature of the state of South Dakota does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would protect the life of all human beings, including unborn children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application shall constitute a continuing application for such convention pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United States until the Legislatures of two-thirds of the states shall have made like applications and such convention shall have been called by the Congress of the United States;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be presented to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each Member of the Congress from this state attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota.

Chapter No. _____

File No. 170

Resolution

I hereby certify that the within ~~Act~~

originated in the House as
House Joint Resolution No. 503

Paul Roman
Chief Clerk.

Received at this Executive Office this

_____ day of _____, 19_____

at _____ M.

Governor.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, }
Office of Secretary of State } ss.

Filed March 16, 1977

at 9:35 o'clock A. M.

Lorna B. Hewett
Secretary of State.

By Jean D. Johnson
Asst. Sec'y of State.

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application to the Congress of
the United States to call a
convention for the purpose of
proposing a human life amendment
to the Constitution of the United
States in accordance with article V
of said Constitution.

The within and foregoing Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A. D., 19_____

Governor.

Lawrence W. Nansen
Speaker of the House.

Attest: Paul Roman
Chief Clerk.

Glenn Roberts
President of the Senate.

Attest: Joyce Sanderson
Secretary of the Senate.