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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 Indiana, 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

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PUBLIC LAW No. 352

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became law without signature of the Governor.]

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**SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION No. 8**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the protection of the right to life.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America affirms that the right to life is an inalienable right given to all people by their Creator; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Constitution and those of the several states, as well as the laws and courts of both the Federal and State Governments have traditionally affirmed and reaffirmed this basic right up to the present time; and

WHEREAS, this basic tradition has been broken and was called into question by the unprecedented decision of the United States Supreme Court on January 22, 1973, in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton which sanctioned the abortion of an unborn child during the first three (3) months of pregnancy upon the decision of the mother and her physician alone, and up to the moment of birth under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this erosion of the most basic principle, the right to life, on which this country was founded, portends untold conflicts in our society and endangers the very existence of our nation and the Judeo-Christian culture which supports it; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of this state believes it to be for the best interest of the people of the United

States that an amendment to the Constitution of the United States be adopted to protect the right to live; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Congress of the United States be, and hereby is requested to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Sec. 1. That each state shall have the right to determine whether to eliminate or regulate abortion.

Sec. 2. Neither the United States nor any State shall deprive any human being of life on account of age, illness or incapacity.

Sec. 3. Congress and the several States shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

SECTION 2. If Congress shall have proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States identical with that contained within this resolution prior to June 1, 1975, this application for a convention shall no longer be of any force or effect.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit immediately copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each member of Congress from this state.