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August 1, 2016

The Honorable Karen Haas  
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol, Room H154  
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Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the state of Rhode Island, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1978, 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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# State of Rhode Island, &c.

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*Robert F. Burns*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

## RESOLUTION

MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS FOR THE CALLING OF A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE RIGHT TO LIFE.

RESOLVED, That the general assembly of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States hereby makes application to the Congress of the United States for the calling of a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall provide:

(a) With respect to the right to life guaranteed in the United States Constitution, that every human being subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or any state shall be deemed from the moment of fertilization to be a person and entitled to the right to life.

(b) That Congress and the several states shall have concurrent powers to enforce such an amendment by appropriate legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this application shall constitute a continuing application for such convention pursuant to Article V 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like applications and such convention shall have been called by the congress of the United States unless previously rescinded by this general assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be presented forthwith to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States and to the legislatures of each of the several states attesting the adoption of this resolution by the general assembly of the state of Rhode Island.

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