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 Florida, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1979, 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
Senate Memorial No. 234

A memorial to the Congress of the United States making application to the Congress to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions thereto.

WHEREAS, it is estimated, as of August, 1975, that the federal debt at the end of the 1975 fiscal year will be $558,637 billion, and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year deficit for 1976 will be the largest in our history, between $70 and $80 billion, and

WHEREAS, the growing debt is a major contributor to inflation, lagging economic investment, excessive interest rates, and the resulting unemployment, and

WHEREAS, the economic welfare of the United States and its citizens depends on a stable dollar and sound economy, and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures passed Resolution #11 at its Annual Business Meeting on October 10, 1975, urging the Congress to take prompt and affirmative action to limit federal spending, and

WHEREAS, there is provision in Article V of the Constitution of the United States for amending the Constitution by the Congress, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling a convention for proposing amendments which shall be valid to all intents and purposes when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in

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three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of
ratification may be proposed by the Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the Legislature of the State of Florida does
hereby make application to the Congress of the United States
pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States
to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an
amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require
a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with
respect thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the
House of Representatives of Congress, the members of the
Congressional delegation from the State of Florida and to the
presiding officers of each house of the several state
legislatures.

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