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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 (102nd Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Louisiana, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1991, 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

Regular Session, 1990

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WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, acting with the best intentions, has previously made application to the Congress of the United States of America for the calling of a constitutional convention for the limited purpose of proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the best legal minds in the nation today are in general agreement that a convention, notwithstanding whatever limitation might be placed upon it by the call of said convention, would have within the scope of its authority the complete redrafting of the Constitution of the United States of America, thereby creating a great danger to the well-established rights of our people and to the constitutional principles under which we are presently governed; and

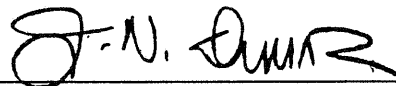
WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America, while it has been amended many times in the history of the nation and may yet be amended many times, has been extensively interpreted and has proven to be a basically sound document which protects the freedom of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, there is no need for a new constitution, the adoption of which would create legal chaos in America and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its interpretation by the courts; and

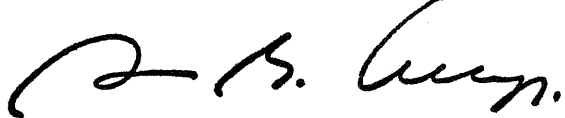
WHEREAS, such changes as may be needed in the present Constitution of the United States may be proposed and enacted by the well-established methods of amendment contained therein.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby rescind any and all previous applications to the Congress of the United States made by the Legislature of the state of Louisiana pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America for the calling of a constitutional convention for any purpose, limited or general.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to the members of the Louisiana delegation to the Congress of the United States, and to the presiding officers of each house of the legislatures of the several states.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE