November 30, 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 Florida, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2016, 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
House Memorial 417

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
applying to Congress to call a convention under
Article V of the Constitution of the United States
with the sole agenda of proposing an amendment to the
Constitution of the United States to set a limit on
the number of terms that a person may be elected as a
member of the United States House of Representatives
and to set a limit on the number of terms that a
person may be elected as a member of the United States
Senate.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States
requires Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of
proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of
two-thirds of the states, and

WHEREAS, a continuous and growing concern has been
expressed that the best interests of the nation will be served
by limiting the terms of members of Congress, and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Florida, by the
gathering of petition signatures, placed on the general election
ballot of 1992 a measure to limit the consecutive years of
service for several offices, including the offices of United
States Representative and United States Senator, and

WHEREAS, the voters of Florida incorporated this limitation
into the State Constitution as Section 4 of Article VI, by an

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approval vote that exceeded 76 percent in the general election
of 1992, and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the United States Supreme Court ruled in
U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), a five-
to-four decision, that the individual states did not possess the
requisite authority to establish term limits, or additional
qualifications, for persons elected to the United States House
of Representatives or the United States Senate, and

WHEREAS, upon reflecting on the intent of the voters of
this state and their overwhelming support for congressional term
limits, the Legislature, in its 114th Regular Session since
Statehood in 1845, did express through a memorial to Congress
the desire to receive an amendment to the Constitution of the
United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a
person may serve in the United States House of Representatives
or the United States Senate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, in its 118th Regular Session
since statehood in 1845, does desire to see a convention called
under Article V of the Constitution of the United States with
the sole agenda of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
the United States on the subject of congressional term limits as
specified in this memorial, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida does hereby make application to Congress, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call an Article V convention with the sole agenda of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

(2) That this application does not revoke or supersede Senate Memorial 476 as passed by the 2014 Florida Legislature, but constitutes a separate, independent application addressing congressional term limits as specified in this application.

(3) That this application is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States with any agenda other than to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

(4) That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
cf the several states have made application on the subject of congressional term limits as specified in this application.

(5) That this application be aggregated with the applications from other states on the same subject for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds majority needed to require Congress to call a limited Article V convention as specified in this application, but not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each state.

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