July 11, 2017

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 Texas, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2017, 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 JOINT RESOLUTION

applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention
under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited
purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to
impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the
power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the
terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

WHEREAS, The drafters of the United States Constitution
empowered state legislatures to be guardians of liberty against
abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
creating a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
spending; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
invading the legitimate role of the states through the manipulative
process of federal mandates that are to a great extent unfunded; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to abide by a
proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of state legislatures to
protect the liberty of the people and of future generations by
proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that place
clear restraints on federal power; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
authorizes the several state legislatures to restrict the power of
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1 the federal government through the amendment process; and
2 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides
3 that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the
4 several states Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of
5 proposing amendments to the constitution; now, therefore, be it
6 RESOLVED, That the 85th Texas Legislature apply to Congress
7 to call a convention under Article V of the United States
8 Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more
9 amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the
10 federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the
11 federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal
12 officials and members of Congress; and, be it further
13 RESOLVED, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding
14 legislature, this application by the 85th Texas Legislature
15 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V
16 of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the
17 legislatures of the several states have applied to Congress to call
18 a convention for the limited purpose of proposing one or more
19 amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the
20 federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the
21 federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal
22 officials and members of Congress; and, be it further
23 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
24 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
25 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
26 Senate of the Congress of the United States, and to all members of
27 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
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resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an
application to Congress for a convention under Article V of the
United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one
or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints
on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of
the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal
officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
copies of this resolution to the secretaries of state and to the
presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with
the request that they join this state in applying to Congress for a
convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for
the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the
constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of
Congress.
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Dan Peabody  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 2 was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 10, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10.

Larry Shaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 2 was adopted by the House, with amendments, on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 94, Nays 51, two present not voting.

Robert Hanna  
Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of State