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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 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the state of South Dakota, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1977, 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.

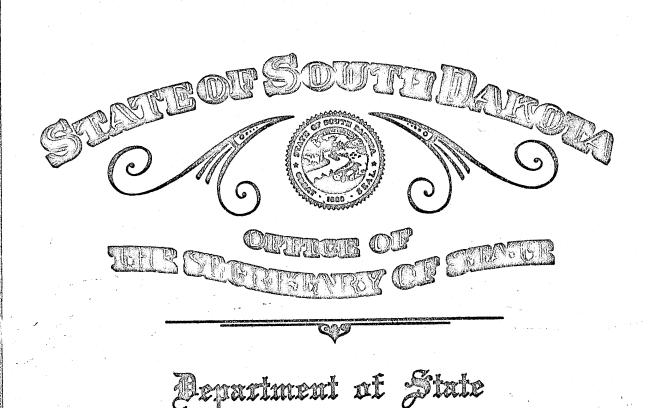
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United States of America, State of South Dakota,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

This is to certify that the attached instrument of writing is a true, correct and examined copy of House Joint Resolution No. 503, as filed in this office March 16, 1977;

and the whole thereof, and has been carefully compared with the original now on file in this office arthanadarprect.



FEES 8 OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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By .... Assistant Secretary of State

A JOINT RESOLUTION, making application to the Congress of
the United States to call a convention for the purpose
of proposing a human life amendment to the Constitution
of the United States in accordance with article V of
said Constitution.

WHEREAS, millions of abortions have been performed in the United States since the abortion decision of the Supreme Court of January 22, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has not to date proposed, subject to ratification, a human life amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the event of such congressional inaction, article V of the Constitution of the United States grants to the states the right to initiate constitutional change by applications from the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states to the Congress, calling for a constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is required by the Constitution to call such a convention upon the receipt of applications from the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislature of the state of South Dakota does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would protect the life of all human beings, including unborn children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application shall constitute a continuing application for such convention pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United States 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be presented to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each Member of the Congress from this state attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota.

Chapter No.
File No. 170
Resolution I hereby certify that the within Axt
House Joint Resolution No. 503
Received at this Executive Office this  day of, 19
at M.
Governor.
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, of State ss.  Office of Secretary of State ss.  Filed March 16, 1977  at 9:35 o'clock A.M.  Secretary of State.
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Asst. Sec'y of State.

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to the Constitution of the United
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of said Constitution.

The within and foregoing Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, A. D., 19\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speaker of the House.

Attest:

Chief Clerk.

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate.

President of the Senate.