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October 3, 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 Iowa, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1969, 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 13

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A Concurrent Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and making application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to allow the people of each state greater freedom of choice in the apportionment of their state legislature and local governing bodies.

WHEREAS, the people of each state should have greater freedom of choice in the apportionment of their state legislature and local governing bodies; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, OF THE SIXTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That this legislature respectfully requests and makes application to the Congress of the United States to propose the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or, in the alternative, to call a convention for the purpose of proposing the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"Article - - -

"Section 1. The people of a state may apportion one house of a bicameral legislature using population, geography, and political subdivisions as factors, giving each factor such weight as they deem appropriate or giving reasonable weight to the same factors in apportioning a unicameral legislature, if in either case such plan of apportionment has been submitted to a vote of the people in accordance with law and with the provisions of this Constitution and has been approved by a majority of those voting on that issue. When a plan of apportionment based on factors of population, geography, and political subdivisions is submitted to a vote of the people under this section there shall also be submitted, at the same election, an alternative plan of apportionment based upon substantial equality of population in both houses of the bicameral legislature.

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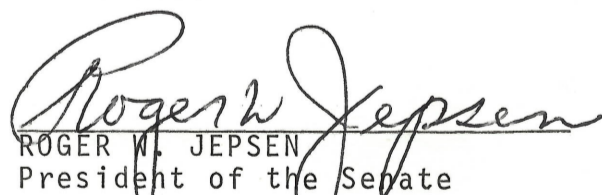
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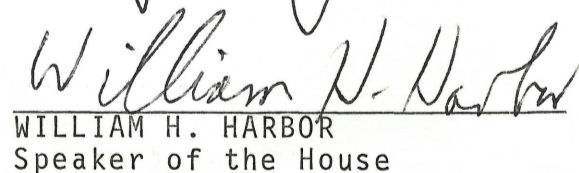
Sec. 2. Any plan of apportionment which has been approved under this article shall be resubmitted to a vote of the people, or another plan may be submitted under the provisions of section one, at the November general election held two years following each year in which there is commenced any enumeration provided for in section two of Article I, and upon approval by a majority of those voting thereon, such plan of apportionment shall continue in effect until changed in accordance with law and with the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Constitution shall prevent a state from apportioning membership of governing bodies of its subordinate units using population, geography, and political subdivisions as factors, giving each factor such weight as the state deems appropriate."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to submit said amendment in such manner that it shall be valid as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years of its submission to the states by the Congress, provided that each such legislature shall be apportioned on the basis of substantial equality of population in accordance with the most recent enumeration provided for in section two of Article I of the Constitution of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly attested copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and each member of the Congress from this state.


ROGER W. JEPSEN
President of the Senate


WILLIAM H. HARBOR
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this concurrent resolution originated in the Senate and is known as Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13, Sixty-third General Assembly.

