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The Honorable Karen Haas
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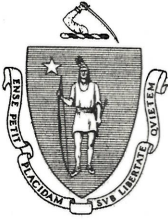
Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Massachusetts, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1971, 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



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

August 18, 1971

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RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL AID TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Whereas, Private schools across the nation are being forced to close because of financial problems that they are unable to solve without government aid; and

Whereas, The closing of the private schools has placed an unbearable burden on state and local governments; and

Whereas, In order to receive aid from the federal government an amendment to the Constitution of the United States is necessary; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States, despite the immediate and imperative need therefor, has failed to take action to relieve this burden; 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; therefore be it

Resolved, By the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing to the several states a constitutional amendment which shall authorize financial aid to private schools; and be it further

Resolved, That this application shall constitute a continuing application for such convention pursuant to Article V 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 unless previously rescinded by this General Court; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be presented forthwith to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to the legislatures of each of the several states attesting the adoption of this resolution by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

House of Representatives, adopted, August 4, 1971.

WALLACE C. MILLS , Clerk.

Senate, adopted in concurrence, August 11, 1971.

NORMAN L. PIDGEON , Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest:

John F. X. Davoren
JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

