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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 Delaware, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1978, 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



DELAWARE STATE SENATE

129TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SPONSOR Senator Sharp, Reps.  
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO 79

JAN 24 1978

MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY.

1 WHEREAS, dissatisfaction among the citizenry about the decisions of the federal  
2 courts grows at an accelerated rate because the federal courts are far out of step  
3 with the people in such matters as education and criminal justice, among others; and

4 WHEREAS, the situation is so critical that countless numbers of citizens boast  
5 they will not follow the mandates of the upper courts but will defy orders, especially  
6 in cases involving desegregation and forced busing; and

7 WHEREAS, this growing public distrust of the judiciary augurs badly for the  
8 future of our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, part of the problem lies in the lifetime appointments to the federal  
10 judiciary, making the judiciary disdainful of and deaf to the problems of the  
11 citizen majority.

12 NOW, THEREFORE:

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 129th General Assembly of Delaware, the House  
14 of Representatives concurring herein, that this resolution makes application to the  
15 Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of amending the  
16 constitutional provision for the appointment of members of the federal judiciary so  
17 that the federal judiciary will no longer continue to ignore the citizenry.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall constitute a continuing  
19 application for such a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the  
20 United States until such time as the Legislatures of two-thirds of the States shall  
21 have made like applications and such convention shall have been called by the  
22 Congress of the United States.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this concurrent resolution be presented  
24 to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate of  
25 the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the  
26 Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of the  
27 Congress from Delaware attesting the adoption of this concurrent resolution by the  
28 129th General Assembly of the State of Delaware.