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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to repeal and nullify all existing
applications by the Florida Legislature that call for
a constitutional convention.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has previously made
applications to the United States Congress that call for either
limited or general constitutional conventions to amend the
United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of
Article V, and

WHEREAS, former United States Chief Justice Warren E.
Burger, former United States Associate Justice Arthur J.
Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that
such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the United
States Constitution, creating imminent peril to the well-
established rights of the citizens and the duties of various
levels of government, and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, a sound document
that protects the lives and liberties of the citizens, has been
amended, and may again be amended, without a constitutional
convention, and

WHEREAS, there is no need for, and great danger in, opening
the United States Constitution to sweeping changes, creating
legal chaos in this nation, and beginning another two centuries

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26 of litigation over the meaning and interpretation of the United
27 States Constitution, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 (1) That all applications by the Florida Legislature to
32 the United States Congress that call for a constitutional
33 convention to amend the United States Constitution, pursuant to
34 the provisions of Article V, be repealed and nullified
35 regardless of when such applications were made or whether such
36 applications were for a limited or general constitutional
37 convention, and

38 (2) That every state legislature is urged to repeal and
39 withdraw any applications to the United States Congress that
40 call for a constitutional convention.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
42 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
43 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
44 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
45 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.