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June 27, 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 Alabama, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1981, 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 of Alabama



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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Resolution

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By: Messrs. Robertson, Kirkland, Harrison and Parsons

MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION REQUIRING UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND ALL FEDERAL JUDGES TO BE ELECTED

WHEREAS, there is a great need for a government of laws and not of men in this country; and

WHEREAS, many federal justices and judges have strayed in their rulings from strictly interpreting the Constitution of the United States as it was intended, passed and ratified; and

WHEREAS, such straying from the intent of the Constitution is in effect judicial legislation by means of judicial extrapolation; and

WHEREAS, members of the federal judiciary have been able to follow this course of action because they are not answerable to the people because they are appointed for lifetime tenure; and

WHEREAS, this country was founded in order to escape the awesome power of lifetime appointments from nonelected rulers and royalty; and

WHEREAS, the federal judiciary is the last remaining vestige of such awesome, lifetime political patronage in this country; and

WHEREAS, the public has always been under the impression that federal judges aided and abetted criminals and criminal activity in America by giving the criminals more rights than the victims; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of Alabama hereby petitions the Congress of the United States to convene a convention, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment which would prohibit lifetime appointments of federal supreme court justices and all other federal judges and require that they be elected and re-elected every six years by the people.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the legislature of each of our sister states is urged to give the most serious consideration to the problems arising from lifetime judicial appointments, and to petition the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment which would prohibit lifetime appointments of federal supreme court justices and all other federal judges and require that they be elected and re-elected every six years by the people.

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BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of Congress, both Senate and House, and to the executive authority of each of our sister states for transmittal to its legislature.



I hereby certify that the above is a true, correct and accurate copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 41, adopted by the Legislature of Alabama on August 13, 1981.

McDowell Lee

McDowell Lee,
Secretary of Senate