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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
WITH REGARDS TO ABORTION LEGISLATION**

40 **WHEREAS:** The Supreme Court ruled in the case Roe v Wade that neither States nor
50 Congress shall have the ability to make abortions illegal; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Roe v Wade made it impossible for most abortion procedures to be made illegal
70 anywhere in the United States of America; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Norma McCorvey, the woman whose Supreme Court case Roe vs. Wade
90 respectively made abortion legal on demand in the U.S., now opposes abortion on demand; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Norma McCorvey stated on World News Tonight in August of 1995, "Abortion
120 has been founded on lies and deception from the very beginning. All I did was lie about how I got
130 pregnant. I was having an affair. It all started out as a little lie. I said what I needed to say. But, my
140 little lie grew and grew and became more horrible with each telling. Sarah and Linda's (the pro-
150 abortion attorneys in Roe) eyes seemed blinded to my obvious inability to tell the same story
160 twice. It was good for the cause. It read well in the newspapers. With the help of willing media the
170 credibility of well-known columnists, the lie became known as the truth these past 25 years"; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** McCorvey stated further on that same broadcast, "I did not go to the Supreme
190 Court on behalf of a class of women. I wasn't pursuing any legal remedy to my unwanted
200 pregnancy. I did not go to the federal courts for relief. I went to Sarah Weddington asking her if
210 she knew how I could obtain an abortion. She and Linda Coffey said they didn't know where to get
220 one. They lied to me just like I lied to them. Sarah already had an abortion. She knew where to get
230 one. Sarah and Linda were just looking for somebody, anybody, to further their own agenda. I was
240 their willing dupe. For this, I will forever be ashamed"; and,

250 **WHEREAS:** In a separate interview McCorvey also stated, "I was put in touch with Sarah
260 Weddington and Linda Coffee. They were two young attorneys, as I was told, who were trying to
270 change the Texas statute on abortion. I thought, in 1973, that when abortion was legalized, that it
280 would just be simply for the state of Texas. I really didn't have any inkling that it would be for the
290 nation"; and,

300 **WHEREAS:** The Court held that a woman's right to an abortion fell within the right to
310 privacy (recognized in Griswold v. Connecticut not standing law) protected by the Fourteenth
320 Amendment and that the decision gave a woman a right to abortion during the entirety of the
330 pregnancy and defined different levels of state interest for regulating abortion in the second and
340 third trimesters which as a result, the laws of 46 states were affected by the Court's ruling; and,

350 **WHEREAS:** The Supreme Court should serve its Article III Constitutional role and interpret
360 a law's constitutionality, not enact new legislation from the bench as it did with regards to Roe v
370 Wade; and,

380 **WHEREAS:** Many potential Supreme Court Justices have been held up, as well as denied in
390 Congressional Committees simply based on their willingness to uphold the Roe decision; and,

400 **WHEREAS:** If Roe v Wade were a solid decision based on solid legal founding, there would
410 be no worry from politicians in Congress or from abortion activist groups; and,

420 **WHEREAS:** If judges, particularly life-tenured Supreme Court Justices, are not bound by the
430 Constitution, then our dearest freedoms hang by the weakest thread of judicial whim; and,

440 **WHEREAS:** The Tenth Amendment reads as follows, “The powers not delegated to the
450 United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states
460 respectively, or to the people”; and,

470 **WHEREAS:** The United States Congress has passed only one federal law with regards to
480 abortion and this law is subject much legal scrutiny by the Supreme Court; and,

490 **WHEREAS:** The only way to permanently reverse a decision of the Supreme Court is for the
500 United States Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment to our Federal Constitution.

510 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges
520 the United States Congress to pass an amendment to the US Constitution returning back to
530 the Congress and to the States respectively, the ability to decide abortion laws and regulations;
540 and,

550 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the fifty State
560 legislatures to ratify the Constitutional Amendment.

570 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
580 Vice President Dick Cheney
590 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist
600 Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle
610 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert
620 Majority Leader of the House Tom DeLay
630 Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi
640 Chief Justice William Rehnquist

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