

**R001-0506**

10       **RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN**  
20       **AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**  
30       **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  
100                            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  
130                            lie about how I got pregnant. I was having an affair. It all started out as a little  
140                            lie. I said what I needed to say. But, my little lie grew and grew and became  
150                            more horrible with each telling. Sarah and Linda's (the pro-abortion attorneys in  
160                            Roe) eyes seemed blinded to my obvious inability to tell the same story  
170                            twice. It was good for the cause. It read well in the newspapers. With the help of  
180                            willing media the credibility of well-known columnists, the lie became known as  
190                            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  
200                            unwanted pregnancy. I did not go to the federal courts for relief. I went to Sarah  
210                            Weddington asking her if she knew how I could obtain an abortion. She and  
220                            Linda Coffey said they didn't know where to get one. They lied to me just like I  
230                            lied to them. Sarah already had an abortion. She knew where to get one. Sarah  
240                            and Linda were just looking for somebody, anybody, to further their own  
250                            agenda. I was their willing dupe. For this, I will forever be ashamed"; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

620 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush  
630 Vice President Dick Cheney  
640 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist  
650 Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid  
660 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert  
670 Majority Leader of the House Roy Blunt  
680 Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi  
690 Chief Justice John Roberts

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