

HM 1129

2015

1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to repeal and nullify all existing
4 applications by the Florida Legislature that call for
5 a constitutional convention.
6

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

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

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

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

HM 1129

2015

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

28

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

30

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 34 the provisions of Article V, be repealed and nullified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.