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9 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

10 AN APPLICATION TO CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR
11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT UNDER UNITED STATES
12 CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING
13 AN AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING FROM
14 THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION IS A PERSON AND ENTITLED TO
15 THE RIGHT TO LIFE.
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18 Subtitle

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20 CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO
21 THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION PROVIDING
22 THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING IS ENTITLED TO THE
23 RIGHT TO LIFE.
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26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
27 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
28 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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30 THAT the Arkansas General Assembly does hereby make application to the
31 United States Congress, pursuant to United States Constitution, Article V, to
32 call a convention for proposing an amendment to the United States
33 Constitution with the sole agenda of proposing the following amendment to the
34 United States Constitution:
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36 SECTION 1. With respect to the right of life guaranteed in the



1 United States Constitution and to provide that every human being subject to
2 the jurisdiction of the United States or any State shall be deemed from the
3 moment of conception to be a person and entitled to the right to life,
4 neither the United States nor any State shall:

5 (1) Deprive any human being, from the moment of conception, of
6 life without due process of law; or

7 (2) Deny to any human being, from the moment of conception,
8 within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the law.

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10 SECTION 2. Congress and the several States shall have the power to
11 enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitute a continuing
14 application in accordance with United States Constitution, Article V, until
15 the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made
16 application on the subject of proposing an amendment as specified in this
17 joint resolution.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application for a convention for
20 proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution shall be aggregated
21 with applications from other states on the same subject for the purpose of
22 attaining the two-thirds (2/3) majority needed to require the United States
23 Congress to call a limited Article V convention as specified in this joint
24 resolution, but not aggregated with any other applications for a convention
25 for proposing amendments on any other subject.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application for a convention
28 for proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution be delivered to
29 the President of the United States, the President of the United States
30 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each
31 member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, and to the presiding officer
32 of each house of the legislature of each state.

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34 */s/Rapert*