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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8010

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By Senators Cantu, Fraser, Oke, Winsley, Johnson, Snyder, Hochstatter, Finkbeiner, Strannigan, Schow, Moyer, Palmer, Roach, Deccio and West

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- 1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
- 2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
- 3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE ARCHIVIST OF THE
- 5 UNITED STATES:
- 6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
- 7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
- 8 represent and petition as follows:
- 9 BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington,
- 10 pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby
- 11 postratifies an amendment to that document proposed by the very first
- 12 Congress of the United States, sitting in the City of New York on
- 13 September 25, 1789, which amendment reads as follows:
- 14 "AMENDMENT XXVII
- No law, varying the compensation for the services of the [United
- 16 States] Senators and [United States] Representatives, shall take
- 17 effect, until an election of [United States] Representatives shall have
- 18 intervened."; and
- 19 THAT, The Legislature of the State of Washington acknowledges that
- 20 the constitutional amendment in question has received the approval of
- 21 the legislatures of the following states on the dates indicated:

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- 1 Maryland on December 19, 1789 (138 Cong. Rec. S6831-2);
- North Carolina, first, on December 22, 1789 (138 Cong. Rec. S6832-
- 3 3); and then a second time on June 30, 1989 (139 Cong. Rec. S22);
- 4 South Carolina on January 19, 1790 (138 Cong. Rec. S6833);
- 5 Delaware on January 28, 1790 (138 Cong. Rec. S6833-4);
- 6 Vermont on November 3, 1791 (138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6834);
- 7 Virginia on December 15, 1791 (138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6834-5);
- 8 Ohio on May 6, 1873 (138 Cong. Rec. S6835-6);
- 9 Wyoming on March 3, 1978 (124 Cong. Rec. 7910, 8265-6; 133 Cong.
- 10 Rec. 25418-9; 138 Cong. Rec. S6836);
- 11 Maine on April 27, 1983 (130 Cong. Rec. 24320, 25007-8; 138 Cong.
- 12 <u>Rec.</u> S6836-7);
- 13 Colorado on April 18, 1984 (131 Cong. Rec. 36505; 132 Cong. Rec.
- 14 22146; 138 Cong. Rec. S6837);
- South Dakota on February 21, 1985 (131 Cong. Rec. 4299, 5815; 138
- 16 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6837);
- 17 New Hampshire on March 7, 1985 (131 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 5987, 6689; 138
- 18 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6837);
- 19 Arizona on April 3, 1985 (131 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 8057; 9443; 138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u>
- 20 S6838);
- 21 Tennessee on May 23, 1985 (131 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 21277, 22264, 27963; 138
- 22 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6838);
- Oklahoma on July 10, 1985 (131 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 22898, 27963-4; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 24 Rec. S6114-5, S6506, S6838);
- New Mexico on February 13, 1986 (132 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 3649, 3956-7, 4077;
- 26 138 Cong. Rec. S6838);
- 27 Indiana on February 19, 1986 (132 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 6638, 8284; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 28 Rec. S6839);
- 29 Utah on February 25, 1986 (132 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 12480, 13834-5; 133 <u>Cong.</u>
- 30 Rec. 31424; 138 Cong. Rec. S6839);
- 31 Arkansas on March 5, 1987 (134 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 12562, 14023; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 32 <u>Rec.</u> S6839);
- 33 Montana on March 11, 1987 (133 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 7428, 11618-9; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 34 Rec. S6839-40);
- 35 Connecticut on May 13, 1987 (133 Cong. Rec. 23571, 23648-9; 138
- 36 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6840);
- 37 Wisconsin on June 30, 1987 (133 Cong. Rec. 23649, 24957, 25417,
- 38 26159-60; 138 Cong. Rec. S6840);

- 1 Georgia on February 2, 1988 (134 Cong. Rec. 9155, 9525; 138 Cong.
- 2 Rec. S6840);
- 3 West Virginia on March 10, 1988 (134 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 8569, 8752; 138
- 4 Cong. Rec. S6840-1);
- 5 Louisiana on July 6, 1988 (134 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 18470, 18760; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 6 Rec. S6841);
- 7 Iowa on February 7, 1989 (135 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 5171, 5821; 138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u>
- 8 S6841);
- 9 Idaho on March 23, 1989 (135 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 9140, 14572-3; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 10 Rec. S6842);
- 11 Nevada on April 26, 1989 (135 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 9996, 19926-7; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 12 Rec. S6842);
- 13 Alaska on May 5, 1989 (135 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 14816, 19782; 138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u>
- 14 S6842);
- 15 Oregon on May 19, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 20442, 20519-20, 21589,
- 16 22413; 138 Cong. Rec. S6841);
- 17 Minnesota on May 22, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 13623, 14147, 14475,
- 18 14573; 138 Cong. Rec. S6842-3);
- 19 Texas on May 25, 1989 (135 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> 11818, 11900-1; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 20 Rec. S6843);
- 21 Kansas on April 5, 1990 (136 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> H1689, S9170, 12550-1; 138
- 22 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> S6843-4);
- 23 Florida on May 31, 1990 (136 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> H5198, S10091; 138 <u>Cong.</u>
- 24 Rec. S6844);
- 25 North Dakota on March 25, 1991 (137 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> H2261, S10949; 138
- 26 Cong. Rec. S6844-5);
- 27 Missouri during the a.m. hours of May 5, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec.
- 28 H3924, S6845, S14974, E1532-3, E1634, E1651);
- 29 Alabama during the p.m. hours of May 5, 1992 (138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> H3729,
- 30 H3739, S6845, S8387);
- 31 Michigan during the a.m. hours of May 7, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec.
- 32 H3093, S6845-6, S7026);
- New Jersey during the p.m. hours of May 7, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec.
- 34 S6846);
- 35 Illinois on May 12, 1992 (138 <u>Cong. Rec.</u> H3729, H3739, S6846,
- 36 S8387-8);
- 37 California on June 26, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. H10100, S18271, E2237);
- 38 Rhode Island on June 10, 1993 (139 Cong Rec. H4681, S9981-2); and
- 39 Hawaii on April 29, 1994 (140 <u>Conq. Rec.</u> H3791, S7956); and

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THAT, The Legislature of the State of Washington further acknowledges: That the constitutional amendment in question became Amendment XXVII to the United States Constitution during the a.m. hours of May 7, 1992, when the Legislature of the State of Michigan became the thirty-eighth state legislature to ratify it; that on May 18, 1992, the Archivist of the United States issued a proclamation published in the Federal Register concluding that the two hundred four-year-old proposal had, in fact, been incorporated into the United States Constitution; and that on May 20, 1992, both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, by roll-call votes, adopted resolutions agreeing with the Archivist's conclusion; and

THAT, While the Legislature of the State of Washington is quite aware of this constitutional amendment's success in already having become part of the United States Constitution, it is important that the stamp-of-approval of the State of Washington be placed thereon and that the Legislature of the State of Washington join the legislatures of the forty-three other states that have already given their assent to what is now Amendment XXVII.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the Archivist of the United States (pursuant to P.L. 98-497), the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington, with the request that this joint memorial's text be reprinted in its entirety in the <u>Congressional Record</u>.

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