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RESOLUTION NO. _____

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Aliens - Constitution of the United States - Constitutional Amendment – Nonresidents

FOR the purpose of applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States dealing with the subject of those who are in the United States unlawfully.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that Congress shall, on application of the legislatures of two-thirds (2/3) of the several states, call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States further provides that any amendments proposed by the convention shall become part of the Constitution of the United States when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths (3/4) of the several states or by conventions in three-fourths (3/4) of the several states, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Article I, §8 and Article II, §§ 2 & 3 give Congress and the President of the United States primary jurisdiction over which noncitizens should be in the United States and on what terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the President have been unable to properly deal with those who are in the United States unlawfully; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly hereby applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States dealing with the subject of those who are in the United States unlawfully; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted by the Department of Legislative Services to the Secretary of State and to the presiding officer and minority party leader in each house of the legislatures of the several states of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the President of the United States Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C.