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The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State
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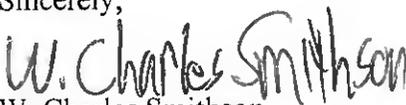
Re: Transmittal of SJR 9 Relating to Right of Accused to Confront Children and Other Witnesses

Dear Secretary Pate:

Please find the attached Senate Joint Resolution 9 for filing with your office. The resolution deals with a proposed amendment to Iowa's Constitution relating to the right of an accused to confront children and other witnesses. The Iowa General Assembly will initiate the required publication process as outlined in Iowa's Constitution art. X, sec. 1 and Iowa Code ch. 49A.

Pursuant to Joint Senate/House Rule 21(2), this specific type of "joint resolution" does not require consideration and signature by the Governor.

Sincerely,


W. Charles Smithson
Secretary of the Senate



Senate Joint Resolution 9

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IOWA
RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF AN ACCUSED TO CONFRONT CHILDREN AND
OTHER WITNESSES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is proposed:

Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section:

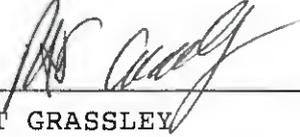
Sec. 10A. Protection of children and other witnesses. To protect children under the age of eighteen and any witness with a mental illness, intellectual disability, or other developmental disability, the right of an accused to confront such witnesses may be limited by law.

Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election for members of the general assembly, and shall be

published as provided by law for three months previous to the date of that election.

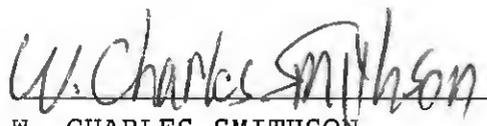


AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate



PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this joint resolution originated in the Senate and is known as Senate Joint Resolution 9, Ninety-first General Assembly.



W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate