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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. H6

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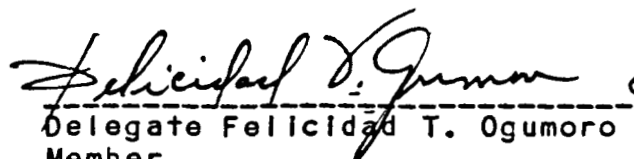
Therefore, your Committee strongly urges all delegates to support the attached committee recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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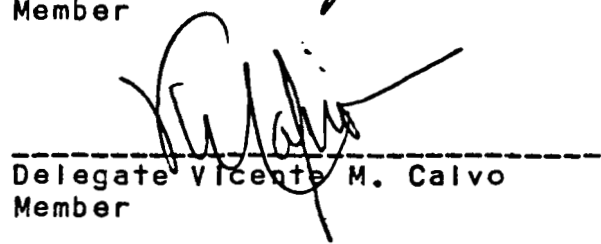
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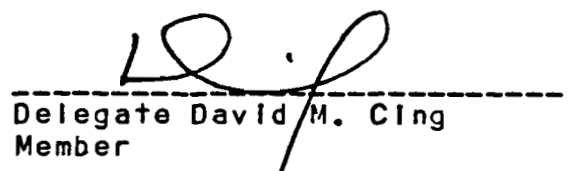
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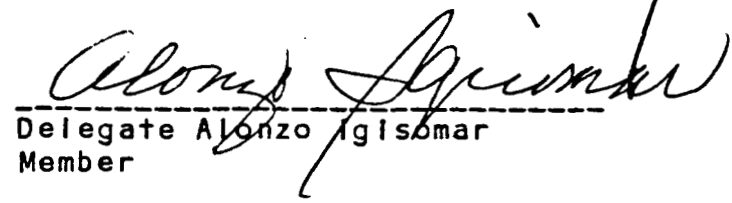
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To amend Article III, Section 4 to limit the Governor to two terms in office.

- I. Effective upon ratification, Section 4 of Article III is amended to read:

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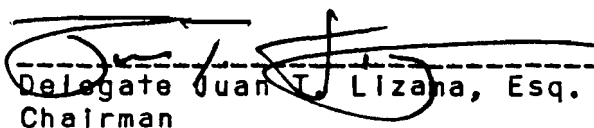
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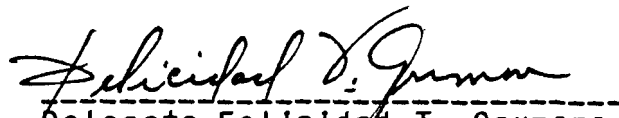
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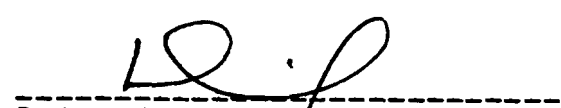
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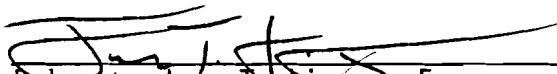
The reason for decreasing the "term" from three to two terms is to open the door for our young educated generation to participate fully in our governmental function.

Quite a good number of our university graduates currently working in other fields such as law, political science, and public administration are potential candidates for such positions.

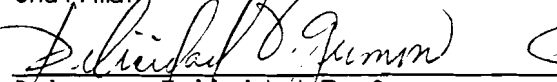
Delegate Proposals: The Committee considered Delegate Proposal No. 183-85.

The Committee strongly urges all Convention Delegates to support this recommended constitutional amendment.

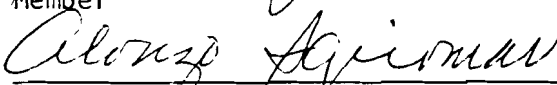
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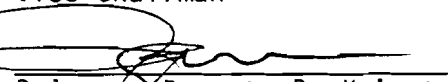


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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

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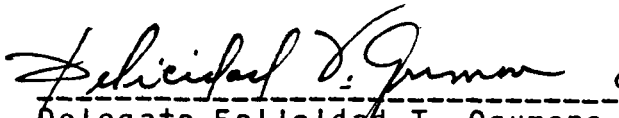
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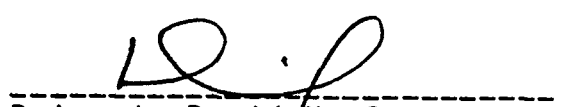
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