

Rep. Amash offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 113.

A resolution to affirm the individual rights secured under the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to urge the federal government to respect this fundamental protection.

Whereas, The Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people"; and

Whereas, The Ninth Amendment assures that the specific rights articulated elsewhere in the Bill of Rights are not limited to those mentioned. The overall impact of this language over the course of our nation's history is to provide a check on the powers of the federal government to curb the individual rights of any citizen; and

Whereas, Those concerned over the trend towards increased federal government activism strongly feel that the protections assured in the Ninth Amendment, as well as the Tenth Amendment, which assures the rights of the states, are critical to the future of our system of self-government. Reminders of the steps our founders took to preserve the rights of individual citizens are altogether necessary and appropriate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we affirm the individual rights secured under the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to urge the federal government to respect this fundamental protection; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.