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article V convention; term limits

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO SET TERM LIMITS FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES AND UNITED STATES SENATORS.

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1 Whereas, article V of the Constitution of the United States provides
2 that Congress must call a convention for the purpose of proposing an
3 amendment to the Constitution on application by at least two-thirds of the
4 states demanding such an action; and

5 Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Arizona hereby joins with
6 other states in asserting rights and responsibilities under article V of
7 the Constitution of the United States with regard to proposing amendments;
8 and

9 Whereas, the citizens of Arizona and 22 other states, having passed
10 statutes or state constitutional amendments limiting ballot access to
11 congressional candidates on the basis of terms previously served in
12 Congress, were overruled by the Supreme Court of the United States; and

13 Whereas, the Arizona Legislature, a body of citizen legislators,
14 desires to restore rotation in office for members serving in the Congress
15 of the United States.

16 Therefore

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
18 the Senate concurring:

19 1. That, pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United
20 States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the
21 Congress of the United States to call a convention limited to proposing an
22 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the
23 number of terms a person may be elected as a Member of the United States
24 House of Representatives and as a Member of the United States Senate.

25 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
26 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate,
27 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary
28 of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of
29 Representatives, the Chairperson of the House Committee on Judiciary, each
30 Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the presiding officer of
31 each legislative house in each state, requesting their cooperation.

32 3. That this application be considered as covering the same subject
33 matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a
34 convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be
35 elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United
36 States Senate, and that this application be aggregated with the
37 applications of other states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds
38 of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention for
39 the purpose of setting term limits on the members of Congress, but that
40 this application not be aggregated with any other application on any other
41 subject.

42 4. That this resolution constitutes a continuing application in
43 accordance with article V of the Constitution of the United States until
44 the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made
45 applications on the same subject.