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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 LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides
2 the states with the authority to call a convention for the purpose of
3 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to be
4 ratified by the legislatures or by conventions in three-fourths of the
5 several states on application by at least two-thirds of the states; and

6 Whereas, this power provides the States with the leverage needed to
7 force Congress to act when it otherwise does not want to; and

8 Whereas, the citizens of the State of Arizona and twenty-two other
9 states, having passed statutes or state constitutional amendments placing
10 term limits on members of Congress, were overruled by the United States
11 Supreme Court; and

12 Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Arizona hereby joins with
13 other states in instructing Congress to draft a term limits amendment and
14 send it to the States for ratification, failing which the States will act
15 on their own; and

16 Whereas, the Arizona Legislature, a body of citizen legislators,
17 desires to restore rotation in office for members serving in the Congress
18 of the United States.

19 Therefore

20 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
21 the Senate concurring:

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

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

38 3. That this resolution constitutes a continuing application in
39 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until
40 the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made
41 applications on the same subject.

42 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a
43 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the
44 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
45 Congress from the State of Arizona, and the presiding officer of each
46 legislative house in each state, requesting their cooperation.