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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR
PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States
2 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses
3 of power by the federal government; and

4 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt
5 through improper and imprudent spending; and

6 Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate role of the
7 states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which
8 are unfunded to a great extent; and

9 Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper
10 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

11 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of
12 our people, particularly for the generations to come, and to propose
13 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of
14 the states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related
15 abuses of power.

16 Therefore

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
18 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 for the purpose of
22 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that will
23 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and
24 jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for
25 officials of the federal government.

26 2. That this application constitutes a continuing application in
27 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at
28 least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made
29 application on the same subjects.

30 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
31 of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
32 of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from
33 the State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several
34 state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the
35 amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this
36 application.