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

4 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty
5 of our people, particularly for the generations to come, and to propose
6 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention
7 of the states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and
8 related abuses of power.

9 Therefore

10 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
11 the Senate concurring:

12 1. That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United
13 States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the
14 Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states limited
15 to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set
16 a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of
17 the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the
18 number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of the United
19 States Senate.

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

24 3. That this application shall be considered as covering the same
25 subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a
26 convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be
27 elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United
28 States Senate, and this application shall be aggregated with same for the
29 purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require
30 Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but shall not be
31 aggregated with any other applications on any other subject.

32 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a
33 copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United
34 States Senate, the Speaker, Clerk and Judiciary Committee Chairman of the
35 United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the
36 State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several
37 state legislatures, requesting their cooperation.