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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 Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
21 Representatives 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 of the states limited
25 to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set
26 a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of
27 the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the
28 number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of the United
29 States Senate.

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

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

42 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a
43 copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United
44 States Senate, the Speaker, Clerk and Judiciary Committee Chairman of the
45 United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the
46 State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several
47 state legislatures, requesting their cooperation.