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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 URGING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
9 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND PASSAGE OF A BALANCED BUDGET  
10 AMENDMENT.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND  
16 PASSAGE OF A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.  
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18 WHEREAS, families and businesses throughout the State of Arkansas  
19 operate under the principle of a balanced budget; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas itself maintains a balanced budget, a  
22 practice that has spared Arkansas from the financial problems seen in other  
23 states in recent years; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the government of the United States of America does not  
26 operate under a balanced budget, which is evidenced by a ballooning federal  
27 public debt; and  
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29 WHEREAS, continued deficit spending demonstrates an unwillingness or  
30 inability of both the federal executive and legislative branches to spend no  
31 more than available revenues; and  
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33 WHEREAS, fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level is lowering our  
34 standard of living, destroying jobs, and endangering economic opportunity now  
35 and for the next generation; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Article 5 of the United States Constitution allows Congress to  
2 propose amendments to the United States Constitution to the states for  
3 ratification and also allows the legislatures of the several states to  
4 request a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments,

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6 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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9           THAT the Arkansas Congressional Delegation propose and support efforts  
10 for the Congress of the United States to pass and propose to the legislatures  
11 of the several States, for ratification, an amendment to the Constitution of  
12 the United States requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the  
13 total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year  
14 may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal  
15 year.

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17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if such an amendment is not proposed by the  
18 Congress, that the Arkansas Congressional Delegation support the calling of a  
19 constitutional convention by the legislatures of the several states for the  
20 purpose of proposing a balanced budget amendment to the United States  
21 Constitution.

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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon passage, the Chief Clerk of the  
24 Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to all members of the  
25 Arkansas Congressional Delegation.