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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS, BECAUSE OF
THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, TO
ENACT TERM LIMITS ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Subtitle

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL
CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF
REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Arkansas having amended the State
Constitution to limit their Representatives to Congress to serving three
two-year terms and their Senators to Congress to serving two six-year terms,
other States also limiting the terms their delegations to Congress may serve;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decreed in the case of Arkansas
vs. Thornton, that the terms of members elected to the United States Congress
may be limited only by Amendment to the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the people of the various States have consistently
demonstrated, at the ballot box and in opinion polls, their overwhelming
desire to limit the terms of members serving in the United States Congress;

WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
amendments to the Federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress
whenever two thirds of both Houses deem it necessary. We believe such action
vital;

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2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
3 OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS
4 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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6 THAT this body proposes to the Congress of the United States that
7 procedures be instituted in the Congress to add a new Article to the
8 Constitution of the United States, and that the General Assembly of the State
9 of Arkansas request the Congress to prepare and submit to the several states
10 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to limit the terms of
11 Representatives and the Senators serving in the United States Congress; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this Resolution be sent by the
14 Secretary of State to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of State of the State of
17 Arkansas is directed to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the Secretary
18 of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislature of each of
19 the other States of the Union, the Clerk of the United States House of
20 Representatives, Washington, D.C., and the Secretary of the United States
21 Senate, Washington, D.C.

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