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6 By: Senator Critcher

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9 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

10 "REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL
11 AMENDMENT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT MAY BE
12 SERVED BY MEMBERS OF THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 AND THE U. S. SENATE, OR ALTERNATIVELY TO CALL A
14 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE THE SAME. "

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16 **Subtitle**

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22 CONVENTION TO PROPOSE THE SAME. "

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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas voters amended the Arkansas Constitution to limit
26 their U.S. Representatives to serving three two-year terms and their U.S.
27 Senators to serving two six-year terms, and other states have done likewise;
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30 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decreed in the case of United
31 States Term Limits, Inc. vs. Thornton that the terms of members elected to the
32 United States Congress may be limited only by Amendment to the United States
33 Constitution; and

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35 WHEREAS, the people of the various states have consistently
36 demonstrated, at the ballot box and in opinion polls, their overwhelming

1 desire to limit the terms of members serving in the United States Congress;
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4 WHEREAS, under Article V of the United States Constitution, amendments
5 to the United States Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two
6 thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, or on the application of the
7 legislatures of two thirds of the states, the Congress shall call a Convention
8 for the purpose of proposing amendments,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS
13 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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15 THAT Congress is requested to prepare and submit to the several states
16 an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the number of terms
17 that may be served by Representatives and Senators serving in the United
18 States Congress; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, alternatively, Congress is requested to
21 call a Convention for proposing such amendment to the United States
22 Constitution; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the legislatures of each of the several
25 states comprising the United States are requested to apply to Congress
26 requesting the proposal of such an amendment to the United States
27 Constitution, or requiring Congress to call a Convention for proposing such an
28 amendment to the United States Constitution; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent by the
31 Arkansas Secretary of State to each member of Arkansas' Congressional
32 Delegation; the Secretary of State and presiding officers of both Houses of
33 the Legislature of each of the other states of the United States; the Clerk of
34 the United States House of Representatives; and the Secretary of the United
35 States Senate.

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