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8 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

9 REQUESTING APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS,
10 BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
11 OF ARKANSAS TO ENACT TERM LIMITS ON THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE UNITED
13 STATES, UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE LEGISLATURES
14 OF TWO THIRDS OF THE SEVERAL STATES, TO CALL A
15 CONVENTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V.

16 Subtitle

17 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL
18 CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.
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23 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Arkansas having amended the State
24 Constitution to limit their Representatives to Congress to serving three two-
25 year terms and their Senators to Congress to serving two six-year terms, and
26 other states are also limiting the terms their delegations to Congress may
27 serve;

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

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

1 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
2 amendments to the federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress
3 whenever two thirds (2/3) of both Houses deem it necessary, or upon the
4 application of the Legislatures of two-thirds (2/3) of the several states the
5 Congress shall call a Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments. We
6 believe such action vital;

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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
10 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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12 THAT this body proposes to the Congress of the United States that
13 procedures be instituted in the Congress to add a new article to the
14 Constitution of the United States, and that the General Assembly of the State
15 of Arkansas request the Congress to prepare and submit to the several states
16 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to limit the terms of
17 Representatives and Senators serving in the United States Congress; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent by the
20 Secretary of State to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of
23 Arkansas is directed to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the Secretary
24 of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislature of each of
25 the other states of the Union, the Clerk of the United States House of
26 Representatives, Washington, D.C., and the Secretary of the United States
27 Senate, Washington, D.C.

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/s/ D. Elliott

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