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5 By: Representatives Bennett, Agee, Dickinson, *Ormond*
6 By: Senators Critcher, Hendren

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9 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

10 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUBMIT
11 TO THE PEOPLE A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
12 TO ENACT TERM LIMITS ON THE UNITED STATES HOUSE
13 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE,
14 OR ALTERNATIVELY TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL
15 CONVENTION TO ADDRESS THE TERM LIMIT ISSUE.

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17 **Subtitle**

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



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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; and

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, or on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states the Congress shall call a Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; and

WHEREAS, we believe such action vital;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That this body proposes to the Congress of the United States that procedures be instituted in the Congress to add a new Article to the Constitution of the United States, and that the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas requests the Congress to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to limit the terms of Representatives and Senators serving in the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, alternatively, this body makes application and requests that the Congress of the United States call a Convention for proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body also proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the Congress requesting the proposal of an appropriate amendment to the Federal Constitution, or requiring the Congress to call a Convention for proposing such an amendment to the Federal Constitution; and

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

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of State of the State of
5 Arkansas is directed to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the Secretary
6 of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislature of each of
7 the other States of the Union, the Clerk of the United States House of
8 Representatives, Washington, D.C., and the Secretary of the United States
9 Senate, Washington, D.C.

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11 */s/ Bennett, et al*
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