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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention
under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited
purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to
impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the
power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the
terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

WHEREAS, The drafters of the United States Constitution
empowered state legislatures to be guardians of liberty against
abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
creating a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
spending; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
invading the legitimate role of the states through the manipulative
process of federal mandates that are to a great extent unfunded; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to abide by a
proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of state legislatures to
protect the liberty of the people and of future generations by
proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that place
clear restraints on federal power; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
authorizes the several state legislatures to restrict the power of
WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the constitution; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the 85th Texas Legislature apply to Congress to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it further RESOLVED, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding legislature, this application by the 85th Texas Legislature constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied to Congress to call a convention for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it further RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate of the Congress of the United States, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
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resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an application to Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the secretaries of state and to the presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with the request that they join this state in applying to Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.