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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Founders of our country empowered state  
3 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of  
4 power by the federal government; and

5 WHEREAS, The federal government has created a crushing  
6 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate  
8 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal  
9 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

10 WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live under a  
11 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the  
14 liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to  
15 come - by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the  
16 United States through a Convention of the States under Article  
17 V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of  
18 power; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the State of Illinois hereby  
2 makes application to Congress under the provisions of Article V  
3 of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a  
4 convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the  
5 Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints  
6 on the federal government and limit the power and jurisdiction  
7 of the federal government; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution  
9 of the United States, we join the other states that have called  
10 for a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of  
11 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States  
12 limited to the purposes stated herein; provided, however, that  
13 the delegates from Illinois to said convention are expressly  
14 limited to consideration and support of amendments that impose  
15 fiscal restraints on the federal government and limit the  
16 federal government's power and jurisdiction; that it is our  
17 express intention that this application shall be aggregated  
18 with the subsequent applications of other states limited to the  
19 purposes identified in this application; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the convention delegates from Illinois are  
21 hereby instructed not to support any amendment proposals  
22 regarding term limits for federal officials or for members of  
23 Congress; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That copies of this application be provided to  
2 the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to  
3 the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of  
4 Representatives; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing  
6 application in accordance with Article V of the United States  
7 Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of  
8 the states have made applications on the same subject.