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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Executive Orders by the President of the United  
3 States have become a vehicle through which the President may  
4 overstep the limits of his constitutional authority; and

5 WHEREAS, The concentration of power at the federal level  
6 has had the effect of making federal officials less responsive  
7 to the will of the people and more readily influenced by  
8 lobbyists, wealthy corporations, and special interests in  
9 Washington, D.C.; and

10 WHEREAS, Much of federal law is now enacted by federal  
11 bureaucrats who were never chosen by the people and have no  
12 accountability to the people whatsoever; and

13 WHEREAS, Policy decisions made at the state level tend to  
14 be more responsive to the needs and desires of the people; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate  
18 roles of the states through the manipulative process of  
19 federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great  
20 extent; and

1           WHEREAS, The states have the ability to restore the  
2           responsiveness of government to the people and to restrain  
3           abuses of federal power by proposing amendments to the  
4           Constitution of the United States through a limited Convention  
5           of the States under Article V; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7           HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
8           SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the legislature of the State of  
9           Illinois hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of  
10          Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the  
11          calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing  
12          amendments to the Constitution of the United States that  
13          impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the  
14          power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit  
15          the terms of office for its officials and for members of  
16          Congress; and be it further

17          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Secretary of State is hereby  
18          directed to transmit copies of this application to the  
19          President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the  
20          Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of  
21          Representatives, to the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and  
22          to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in  
23          the United States, requesting their cooperation; and be it

1 further

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