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1 A Joint Resolution requesting the call of a constitutional  
2 convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the  
3 Constitution of the United States relating to term limits  
4 for federal legislators.

5 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
6 provides that Congress must call a convention for the purpose  
7 of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application by  
8 two-thirds of the states demanding such action; and

9 WHEREAS, the general assembly of Iowa is hereby joining  
10 with other states in asserting rights and responsibilities  
11 under Article V of the Constitution of the United States with  
12 regard to proposing a congressional term limits amendment; NOW  
13 THEREFORE,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

15 That the general assembly, as the legislature of the state of  
16 Iowa, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United  
17 States, hereby applies to the Congress of the United States  
18 to call a convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an  
19 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the  
20 number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the  
21 United States house of representatives and to set a limit on  
22 the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of  
23 the United States senate.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Iowa  
25 house of representatives transmit copies of this resolution  
26 to the president and secretary of the United States senate,  
27 the speaker, clerk, and judiciary committee chairperson of the  
28 United States house of representatives, to each senator and  
29 representative from Iowa in the Congress of the United States,  
30 and to the presiding officers of each legislative body of  
31 each of the several states, requesting the cooperation of the  
32 states in issuing an application compelling Congress to call  
33 a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of  
34 the Constitution of the United States.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application shall  
36 be considered as covering the same subject matter as the  
37 applications from other states to Congress to call a convention  
38 to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be  
39 elected to the United States house of representatives and the  
40 United States senate; and this application shall be aggregated  
41 with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds  
42 of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited  
43 convention on this subject, but shall not be aggregated with  
44 any other applications on any other subject.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes  
46 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the  
47 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at  
48 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications  
49 on the same subject.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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4 This resolution constitutes a petition requesting the United  
5 States Congress to call a constitutional convention for the  
6 exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
7 of the United States proposing term limits for members of the  
8 United States senate and house of representatives.

9 The resolution also provides that it shall serve as a  
10 continuing application to call a constitutional convention,  
11 until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several  
12 states have made application for a similar convention and the  
13 convention is convened by Congress. The resolution provides  
14 that it shall not be aggregated with applications requesting  
15 that constitutional conventions be called for other reasons.

16 The resolution also requires that the chief clerk of the  
17 Iowa house of representatives transmit copies of the resolution  
18 to the president and secretary of the United States senate, to  
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21 representative from Iowa in the Congress of the United States,  
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