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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 THIRD 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.