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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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3 Responsibility Amendment and stipulating ratification by State
4 Conventions, a vote of We the People.

5 Whereas Article V of the Constitution states that “The Congress ... on the
6 Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States,
7 shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments ...” to the
8 Constitution;

9 Whereas Congressional and State records of purported plenary
10 Applications on any subject and single subject Fiscal Responsibility
11 Amendment Applications compiled by the Article V Library
12 (tinyurl.com/FRAapps) list 42 total Applications over time, 39
13 active Applications in 1979, 40 active Applications in 1983, and at
14 least 34 active Applications in many years thereafter.

15 Whereas Alexander Hamilton in Federalist 85 stated that “The Congress
16 ‘shall call a convention’. Nothing in this particular is left to the
17 discretion of that body”;

18 Whereas beginning in 1979, when Congress appears to have failed in its
19 constitutional duty to count Applications and call a "Convention for
20 proposing Amendments", the Nation’s debt has increased to more
21 than \$30 trillion from \$830 billion, while the value of the dollar has
22 declined by over 70 percent;

23 Whereas the Constitution was ratified by Convention Delegates “chosen
24 in each State by the People thereof”, and the 21st Amendment,
25 repealing Prohibition, was ratified in 1933 by a vote of the people for
26 Yes-pledged delegates in 38 of 39 State Conventions; and

27 Whereas the Supreme Court’s unanimous opinion in *Chiafalo v.*
28 *Washington* stated: “electors ... have no ground for reversing the vote
29 of millions of its citizens. That direction accords with the
30 Constitution—as well as with the trust of the Nation that here, We the
31 People rule.”: Now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—*

33 (1) the Congress of the United States will Call an Article V
34 "Convention for Proposing Amendments" by setting a date and place for
35 said Convention no later than 180 days from the report of the Archivist
36 for said Convention unless, within the next 60 days, the Archivist of the
37 United States, who has “no discretion” in counting Applications or
38 Ratification Resolutions, certifies that the two-thirds of the States (34)
39 requirement to Call a Convention has never been met, and provides a
40 detailed accounting by state of his/her findings;

41 (2) any proposed amendments shall be ratified by a vote of We the
42 People in three-quarters (38) of the States via State convention
43 delegates who shall “have no ground for reversing the vote of millions
44 of [their] citizens” (*Chiafalo v. Washington*); and

45 (3) a copy of this concurrent resolution be transmitted to the
46 Administrator of General Services for submission to the legislatures of
47 the several States.