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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
20 NINETY-NINTH 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, limit the power and jurisdiction of
7 the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its
8 officials and for members of Congress; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to
10 transmit copies of this application to the President and the
11 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the
12 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the
13 members of the Senate and House of Representatives from this
14 State; copies shall also be transmitted to the presiding
15 officers of each of the legislative houses in the several
16 states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing
18 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
19 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
20 of the several states have made applications on the same
21 subject; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
23 the Secretary of State.