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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan R. Stayer".

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In the House of Representatives,

1       WHEREAS, Requesting appropriate action by the Congress,  
2 either acting by consent of two-thirds of both Houses or, upon  
3 the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several  
4 states, calling a Constitutional Convention to propose an  
5 amendment to the Federal Constitution to require, with certain  
6 exceptions, that the total of all Federal appropriations may not  
7 exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues in any fiscal  
8 year.

9       WHEREAS, With each passing year this Nation becomes more  
10 deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed  
11 available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds  
12 of billions of dollars; and

13       WHEREAS, The annual Federal budget continually demonstrates  
14 an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and  
15 executive branches of the Federal Government to curtail spending  
16 to conform to available revenues; and

17       WHEREAS, Unified budgets do not reflect actual spending

1 because of the exclusion of special outlays which are not  
2 included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt  
3 limit; and

4 WHEREAS, Knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence, and plain  
5 good sense require that the budget reflect all Federal spending  
6 and be in balance; and

7 WHEREAS, Believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the  
8 Federal level, with the inflation which results from this  
9 policy, is the greatest threat which faces our Nation, we firmly  
10 believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the  
11 fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United  
14 States, amendments to the Federal Constitution may be proposed  
15 by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it  
16 necessary, or on the application of the Legislatures of  
17 two-thirds of the several states the Congress shall call a  
18 Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing  
19 amendments. We believe some such action vital; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
21 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proposes to the Congress of  
22 the United States that procedures be instituted in the Congress  
23 to add a new article to the Constitution of the United States,  
24 and that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
25 Pennsylvania requests the Congress to prepare and submit to the  
26 several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
27 States, requiring in the absence of a national emergency that  
28 the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for  
29 any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated  
30 Federal revenues for that fiscal year; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That, alternatively, the General Assembly of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania makes application and requests that  
3 the Congress of the United States States call a Constitutional  
4 Convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing  
5 an amendment to the Federal Constitution requiring in the  
6 absence of a national emergency that the total of all Federal  
7 appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not  
8 exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that  
9 fiscal year; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
11 Pennsylvania also proposes that the Legislatures of each of the  
12 several states comprising the United States apply to the  
13 Congress requesting the enactment of an appropriate amendment to  
14 the Federal Constitution; or requiring the Congress to call a  
15 Constitutional Convention for proposing such an amendment to the  
16 Federal Constitution; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
18 members of the Congress from Pennsylvania; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
20 Representatives send copies of this joint resolution to the  
21 Secretary of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the  
22 Legislature of each of the other states in the Union, the Clerk  
23 of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.  
24 and the Secretary of the United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

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