

House Resolution 1251

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the
2 United States to require a two-thirds' approval vote of the House of Representatives in order
3 to begin impeachment proceedings against a sitting president; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Impeachment Clause of the United States Constitution gives Congress the
5 right to remove any federal official from the executive and judicial branches of government;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives brings impeachment charges against
8 federal officials as part of its oversight and investigatory responsibilities; and

9 WHEREAS, the House impeachment process generally proceeds in three phases: (1)
10 initiation of the impeachment process; (2) Judiciary Committee investigation, hearings, and
11 markup of articles of impeachment; and (3) full House consideration of the articles of
12 impeachment; and

13 WHEREAS, the impeachment process has traditionally begun through the introduction of
14 an impeachment resolution by an individual member which proceeds through the legislative
15 process similar to a standard piece of legislation; and

16 WHEREAS, as evidenced by the partisan and political nature of the recent impeachment
17 proceedings against President Donald Trump, a change to the United States Constitution is
18 needed to ensure that accusations of impeachment are taken seriously and not used as
19 political gamesmanship; and

20 WHEREAS, despite having been acquitted by the Senate of the articles of impeachment
21 brought by the House of Representatives, President Trump remains vulnerable to more
22 scurrilous and partisan attacks and unfounded accusations; and

23 WHEREAS, the impeachment circus initiated by the House of Representatives has distracted
24 the President and Congress from the people's work; and

25 WHEREAS, the Constitution should be amended to require a two-thirds' vote from the entire
26 House of Representatives prior to the initiation of any impeachment inquiries or proceedings
27 against a sitting president.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body urge the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment
30 to the Constitution of the United States to require a two-thirds' approval vote of the House
31 of Representatives in order to begin impeachment proceedings against a sitting president.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 members of the Georgia congressional delegation.