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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GABLER, BARRAR, COX, CUTLER, GILLEN, GROVE, HAHN,  
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REESE, RYAN, SANKEY, WARD, WARNER, WENTLING, WHEELAND,  
MARSHALL, METZGAR, RADER AND PHILLIPS-HILL, MARCH 27, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 27, 2017

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a  
2 convention of states limited to proposing amendments to the  
3 Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal  
4 restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and  
5 jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of  
6 office for its officials and for members of Congress.

7 WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers, in drafting the Constitution  
8 of the United States, empowered state legislators to be  
9 guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the  
10 Federal Government; and

11 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has created a crushing  
12 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has invaded the legitimate  
14 roles of the states through the manipulative process of Federal  
15 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

16 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has ceased to operate under a  
17 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States;

18 and

1       WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states, in order to  
2 protect the liberty of the people of this nation, particularly  
3 for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the  
4 Constitution of the United States through a convention of states  
5 under Article V to place clear restraints on the abuses of power  
6 described in this resolution and related abuses of power;  
7 therefore be it

8       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
9 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania petition, under the  
10 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United  
11 States, the Congress of the United States to call a convention  
12 of states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of  
13 the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal  
14 Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal  
15 Government and limit the terms of office for its officials and  
16 for members of Congress; and be it further

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

22       RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be  
23 transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the  
24 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
25 States House of Representatives, each member of the Pennsylvania  
26 delegation to Congress and to the presiding officers of each  
27 house of the state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in  
28 applying for an amendments convention limited to the subject  
29 matter contemplated by this application.