

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 21

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution calling upon the President
8 and the Congress of the United States to proceed with
9 an amendment to the United States Constitution to
10 allow states to impose term limits upon members of
11 Congress; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, on September 20, 1994, the voters of the State of
13 Oklahoma expressed their desire to impose term limits on members of
14 Congress through their approval of State Question No. 662 with
15 329,154 votes in favor and 165,663 against; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court invalidated this
17 provision in May of 1995 with its decision in U.S. Term Limits Inc.
18 v. Thornton (514 U.S. 779 (1995)), ruling that a state cannot impose
19 more strict qualifications for its congressional representatives
20 than those set forth in the United States Constitution; and

21 WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in Congress to propose
22 an amendment to the United States Constitution to overturn this
23 decision and allow states to impose term limits upon their members
24 of Congress.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
2 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the people of the State of Oklahoma hereby call upon the
5 President and the Congress of the United States of America to
6 proceed with the process of amending the Constitution of the United
7 States to grant states the authority to impose term limits upon
8 their members of Congress if they choose to do so.

9 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
10 Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States.

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