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House Memorial

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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 applying to Congress to call a convention for the sole
4 purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution
5 of the United States that requires a balanced federal
6 budget.

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8 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed
9 Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 on April, 21, 2010, and

10 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 made application
11 to Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments
12 pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States
13 for two purposes: to achieve and maintain a balanced federal
14 budget and control the ability of Congress and federal executive
15 agencies to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure
16 of federal funds, and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida desires to
18 conform to the single subject applications from Alabama, Alaska,
19 Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland,
20 Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New
21 Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and
22 Texas and limit its application to Congress for the sole purpose
23 of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
24 States to require a balanced federal budget, NOW, THEREFORE,
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26 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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28 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida hereby
29 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the
30 Constitution of the United States, to call a convention limited
31 to the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution
32 requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the
33 total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any
34 fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal
35 revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and
36 appropriate fiscal restraints.

37 (2) That this application is to be considered as covering
38 the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced
39 budget applications from other states and is to be aggregated
40 with the applications from those states for the purpose of
41 attaining the two-thirds number of states necessary to require
42 the calling of a convention, but shall not be aggregated with
43 any applications on any other subject calling for a
44 constitutional convention under Article V of the United States
45 Constitution.

46 (3) That this application constitutes a continuing
47 application in accordance with Article V until the legislatures
48 of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on
49 the same subject and supersedes all previous applications by
50 this legislature on the same subject.

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
52 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
53 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
54 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
55 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.