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3 By Representatives Johnson (K), Henry, Long, Moore (B),  
4 Collins, Wallace, Harper, Beckman, Ball, McCutcheon, Clouse,  
5 Buttram, Roberts, Greer, Williams (D), Lee, Butler, Nordgren,  
6 Shedd, Fincher, Gaston, Carns, Tuggle, Drake, Patterson,  
7 Farley, Johnson (W), Baughn, Chesteen, Faust, Brown, Davis  
8 and Weaver  
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8 MAKING APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES  
9 UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE  
10 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered  
13 state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future  
14 abuses of power by the federal government; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a  
16 crushing national debt through improper and imprudent  
17 spending; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the  
19 legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative  
20 process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a  
21 great extent; and

22 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live  
23 under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the  
24 United States; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to  
26 protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the  
27 generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution

1 of the United States through a Convention of the States under  
2 Article V to place clear restraints on these and related  
3 abuses of power; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State  
6 of Alabama hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of  
7 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the  
8 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing  
9 amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal  
10 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
11 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State  
13 is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to  
14 the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to  
15 the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of  
16 Representatives, and to the members of the Senate and House of  
17 Representatives of the United States Congress from this state;  
18 and to also transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers  
19 of each of the legislative houses in the several states,  
20 requesting their cooperation.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application  
22 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with  
23 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the  
24 Legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have  
25 made applications on the same subject.