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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Federal spending continues to outpace revenues, and  
2 for the third consecutive year, the United States is expected to  
3 post a budget deficit of more than \$1 trillion; and

4 WHEREAS, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike  
5 Mullen, has called the national debt "our biggest national security  
6 threat"; crushing debt not only diminishes America's role in the  
7 world and its ability to solve global problems, it threatens the  
8 American way of life and limits the future of our children; and

9 WHEREAS, The issue must be addressed, but not through higher  
10 taxes; although it has been argued that added tax revenues would be  
11 used to reduce the deficit, research shows that, in fact, every  
12 dollar of new taxes leads to more than one dollar of new spending by  
13 Congress; and

14 WHEREAS, It is imperative that the United States restore  
15 fiscal responsibility, but without strict guidelines, Congress is  
16 unlikely to make the tough choices that are necessary to control  
17 spending; the time has come to require the government not to spend  
18 more than it receives in revenues, and the most effective way to do  
19 that is through a federal balanced budget amendment; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to  
23 propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to  
24 the United States Constitution to provide for a federal balanced

1 budget; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That the legislature urge Congress to cap the  
3 maximum income tax rate at 15 percent so that all federal taxes  
4 withheld from an individual's wages, including Social Security and  
5 Medicare, cannot exceed 15 percent; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
7 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
8 the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
10 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
11 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
12 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.