

1 otherwise laudable goal of adding an amendment to the United States
2 Constitution to require that the budget of the federal government
3 be balanced; and

4 WHEREAS, From 1988 to 2010, lawmakers in 17 states rescinded
5 their applications for an Article V convention for a balanced
6 budget amendment; and

7 WHEREAS, At the present time, given the numerous unanswered
8 questions surrounding an Article V convention, it should be made
9 abundantly clear that the Texas Legislature has absolutely no
10 desire or intention for Congress to call an Article V convention,
11 whether such a convention be for one single, presumably specific
12 proposed amendment, or be it for an amendment or amendments for
13 which no particular description or details have been set forth; and

14 WHEREAS, Regardless of their age, such past resolutions from
15 Texas lawmakers remain alive and valid until such time as they are
16 later formally rescinded; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas,
18 Regular Session, 2013, hereby officially rescinds, repeals,
19 revokes, and nullifies any and all prior applications from Texas
20 legislators applying to the United States Congress for the calling
21 of a convention pursuant to Article V of the United States
22 Constitution, regardless of how old such previous applications
23 might be, and irrespective of what subject matters such
24 applications pertained to; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That, in a manner which would furnish confirmation
26 of delivery and tracking while en route, the Texas Secretary of
27 State shall transmit properly-certified copies of this joint

1 resolution of rescission, pursuant to the Standing Rules of the
2 United States Senate (namely, Rule VII, paragraphs 4, 5, and 6), to
3 the Vice-President of the United States (in his capacity as
4 presiding officer of the United States Senate and addressed to him
5 at the office which he maintains inside the United States Capitol
6 Building); to the Secretary and Parliamentarian of the United
7 States Senate; and to both United States Senators representing
8 Texas; accompanied by a cover letter to each addressee drawing
9 attention to the fact that it is the 83rd Texas Legislature's
10 courteous, yet firm, request that the full and complete verbatim
11 text of this joint resolution be duly published in the United States
12 Senate's portion of the *Congressional Record*, as an official
13 memorial to the United States Senate, and that this joint
14 resolution be referred to whichever committee or committees of the
15 United States Senate have appropriate jurisdiction in this matter,
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That, in a manner which would furnish confirmation
18 of delivery and tracking while en route, the Texas Secretary of
19 State shall likewise transmit properly-certified copies of this
20 joint resolution of rescission, pursuant to the Rules of the United
21 States House of Representatives (namely, Rule XII, clauses 3 and
22 7), to the Speaker, Clerk, and Parliamentarian of the United States
23 House of Representatives; and to all members of the United States
24 House of Representatives who represent districts in Texas; likewise
25 accompanied by a cover letter to each addressee drawing attention
26 to the fact that it is the 83rd Texas Legislature's courteous, yet
27 firm, request that the substance of this joint resolution be

1 accurately summarized in the United States House of
2 Representatives' portion of the *Congressional Record*, as an
3 official memorial to the United States House of Representatives,
4 and that this joint resolution be referred to whichever committee
5 or committees of the United States House of Representatives have
6 appropriate jurisdiction in this matter.