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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Year after year, the federal government has failed
2 to make fiscally responsible choices, and Washington must now take
3 aggressive steps to address our national deficit; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Congress routinely passes budgets
5 leading the government to spend more than it receives in revenue; in
6 order to finance the resulting budget deficit, the U.S. Treasury
7 must sell bonds and the government must pay interest on those bonds;
8 this cycle of deficit spending leaves less money for new programs or
9 tax cuts, and it could prove detrimental to the future stability of
10 our country; and

11 WHEREAS, United States indebtedness to governments of
12 foreign nations continues to rise; costly federal programs that are
13 essentially unfunded or underfunded mandates to states threaten the
14 ability of state and local governments to continue to balance their
15 budgets; moreover, future generations of Americans inevitably face
16 increased taxation and a weakened economy as a direct result of the
17 bloated debt; and

18 WHEREAS, A federal balanced budget amendment will ensure that
19 Congress uses taxpayer dollars wisely, and it is vital that we take
20 this step to avert fiscal calamity and eliminate future deficits;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
24 propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to

1 the United States Constitution requiring that, except during a time
2 of national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made
3 by Congress for any fiscal year not exceed the total of all
4 estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year, together with any
5 related and appropriate fiscal restraints; 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.