

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, An independent United States Supreme Court is an
3 essential element of America's system of checks and balances that
4 protects our constitutional rights; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than 150 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has
6 been composed of nine justices; and

7 WHEREAS, The president and congress should be prohibited from
8 undermining the independence of the court by changing the number of
9 appointed justices; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
12 propose and submit to the states for ratification the "Keep Nine"
13 amendment to the United States Constitution, stating that "The
14 Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine
15 justices"; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
17 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
18 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
19 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
20 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
21 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
22 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 77, Nays 64, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor