

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, Congress was meant to be a citizen legislature. Congressional representatives were intended to go to Washington, D.C., serve for a short time, and then return to live under the laws they had made; and

WHEREAS, Congress is too often a haven for career politicians who put their own power and privileges ahead of public service; and

WHEREAS, many congressional incumbents are nearly impossible to unseat because of their powerful connections and financial backing from lobbyists and special interests; and

WHEREAS, members of Congress have a very low public approval rating but an extremely high reelection rate; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the power to propose amendments to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a large majority of Americans support term limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho is urged to sponsor and support a congressional joint resolution that proposes an amendment to the United States Constitution, creating term limits of 16 years of service as a member of the United States House of Representatives and 18 years of service as a member of the United States Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.