1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to 2 the Constitution of the United States of America promoting equality of citizenship by 3 establishing that artificial entities, such as corporations, associations, or other similar 4 groups, are not persons and can be regulated, and that money is not speech and can be 5 regulated.

6 WHEREAS, the rights protected by the Constitution of the United States of 7 America are the rights of natural persons only; and

8 WHEREAS, artificial entities established by the laws of any state, the United States 9 of America, or any foreign state shall have no rights under the Constitution of the United 10 States of America and are subject to regulation by the people through federal, state, and 11 local law; and

12 WHEREAS, the privileges of artificial entities should be determined by the people 13 through federal, state, and local law, and should not be construed to be inherent or 14 inalienable; and

15 WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governments should regulate, limit, or prohibit 16 contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and 17 expenditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access 18 to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of his or her money, 19 substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate 20 for public office or any ballot measure; and

21 WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governments should require that any 22 permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed; and

23 WHEREAS, the judiciary should not construe the spending of money to influence 24 elections to be speech under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States 25 of America; and

26 WHEREAS, in order to reform our political system and our electoral process, and 27 to restore power over that process to the individual citizens of this great nation, an 1 amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is urgently required;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the 4 Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The House of Representatives of Kentucky calls upon the Congress of the United States of America to propose and send to the states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America authorizing legislation to establish fair and comprehensive election reform, including limits on contributions and expenditures to influence elections and a prohibition of such contributions or expenditures by corporations, associations, or other individuals or groups that are not citizens of the United States of America.

Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the President and Vice
President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the United States House of
Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the
Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States
Senate, and each member of the Kentucky delegation to the Congress of the United States
of America.