

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 744

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A RESOLUTION to urge Congress to preserve the independence of the United States Supreme Court.

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's existence is required by the Constitution of the United States, however the exact number of justices remains unspecified; and

WHEREAS, since 1869, the United States Supreme Court has contained nine justices, although the amount has fluctuated throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2019, Senate Joint Resolution 14 and House Joint Resolution 53 were introduced proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the United States Supreme Court be composed of not more than nine justices; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge Congress to preserve the independence of the United States Supreme Court by supporting the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the United States be composed of not more than nine justices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional Delegation.