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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN ORDEN submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. No person who has been a Senator for
3 two consecutive terms shall again be eligible to serve as
4 a Senator until the second Congress that begins after the
5 end of such second consecutive term. Notwithstanding the
6 previous sentence, a person who is a Senator during the
7 period beginning with the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-
8 gress may serve as a Senator for an unlimited number
9 of consecutive terms, but shall not again be eligible to
10 serve as a Senator until the second Congress that begins
11 after the end of the person’s final consecutive term of that
12 period.

13 “SECTION 2. No person who has been a Representa-
14 tive for six consecutive terms shall again be eligible to
15 serve as a Representative until the second Congress that
16 begins after the end of the sixth consecutive term. Not-
17 withstanding the previous sentence, a person who is a
18 Representative during the period beginning with the One
19 Hundred Eighteenth Congress may serve as a Representa-
20 tive for an unlimited number of consecutive terms, but
21 shall not again be eligible to serve as a Representative
22 until the second Congress that begins after the end of the
23 person’s final consecutive term of that period.

24 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article, any term
25 a person serves as a Senator or Representative to fill a

1 vacancy shall not be included in determining the number
2 of consecutive terms that the person has been a Senator
3 or Representative unless the period of time for which the
4 person fills the vacancy is greater than three years in the
5 case of a Senator or greater than one year in the case
6 of a Representative.”.

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