

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS**

20 **WHEREAS:** The reelection rate for Congress generally ranges between 92% and
30 98%; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** Congressional politicians over time become distant from their
50 constituents and, therefore, are unable to understand the needs of
60 their constituents as fully as they would were they to spend time as
70 common citizens under the laws they pass; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** The growing desire for a participatory democracy from the American
90 public, as well as low voter turnout, has denoted a general public
100 disapproval of Congressional procedures; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The anti-federalists generally favoured the notion of rotation in
120 elected leadership;

130 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
140 approves of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States
150 that states:

160 **SECTION 1.** No individual may serve in the United States House of
170 Representatives for more than three consecutive terms.
180 Any individual meeting all other requirements for serving
190 in the U.S. House of Representatives and who has served in
200 an office of the federal government previously may run for
210 the U.S. House of Representatives only following having
220 spent at least the two years prior to serving, shall he or she
230 be elected,
240 (A) out of federal legislative, executive, or bureaucratic
250 office; or
260 (B) serving as a member of the U.S. military.

270 **SECTION 2.** No individual may serve in the United States Senate for
280 more than one term consecutively. Any individual meeting
290 all other requirements for serving in the U.S. Senate and
300 who has served in an office of the federal government
310 previously may run for the U.S. Senate only following
320 having spent at least the two years prior to serving, shall he
330 or she be elected,
340 (A) out of federal legislative, executive, or bureaucratic
350 office; or
360 (B) serving as a member of the U.S. military.

370 **SECTION 3.** No individual may serve as President of the United States
380 for more than two consecutive terms. Any individual
390 meeting all other requirements for serving as U.S.
400 President and who has served in an office of the federal
410 government previously may run for the presidency only
420 following having spent at least the two years prior to
430 serving, shall he or she be elected,
440 (A) out of federal legislative, executive, or bureaucratic

450 office; or
460 (B) serving as a member of the U.S. military.

470 **SECTION 4.** This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been
480 ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by
490 conventions in the several States, as provided in the
500 Constitution, within fourteen years from the date of the
510 submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

520 **MANDATES:** Nancy Patricia D' Alesandro Pelosi, U.S. Speaker of the House
530 Steny Hamilton Hoyer, U.S. House Majority Leader
540 John Andrew Boehner, U.S. House Minority Leader
550 Richard Bruce Cheney, U.S. Vice President
560 Harry Mason Reid, U.S. Senate Majority Leader
570 Addison Mitchell McConnell, Jr., U.S. Senate Minority Leader
580 Benjamin Louis Cardin, U.S. Senator
590 Barbara Ann Mikulski, U.S. Senator
600 Former MSL member Corey L. Braxton (1998-1999)

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