

By: Representative Eubanks

To: Rules; Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INCUMBENT URGENCY AND
2 NECESSITY CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
3 FOR AN ARTICLE V CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR
4 PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WHICH
5 IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE
6 POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE
7 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

8 WHEREAS, the drafters of the Constitution of the United
9 States empowered state legislators to be the guardians of liberty
10 against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

11 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing
12 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

13 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate
14 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal
15 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

16 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a
17 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, it is imperative in nature as state elected
20 officials tasked with the responsibility of preserving the



21 integral rights of citizens and inherent power of the state
22 sovereignty affirmed under the 10th Amendment of the Constitution
23 of the United States, that the State of Mississippi expresses its
24 compelling interest in the need for a Constitutional Convention of
25 the states for the matter herein specified; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to protect the
27 liberty of our people, particularly for generations to come by
28 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
29 through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose
30 of restraining these and related abuses of power:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
33 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature, acting on behalf of the
34 entire population of the State of Mississippi, hereby applies to
35 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of
36 the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states
37 limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United
38 States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
39 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
40 limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of
41 Congress.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application shall be deemed
43 an application for a convention to address each or all of the
44 subjects herein stated, for the purposes of determining whether
45 two-thirds (2/3) of the states have applied for a convention



46 addressing any of the subjects stated herein, this application is
47 to be aggregated with the applications of any other state
48 legislatures for the single subjects of balancing the federal
49 budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal
50 government or limiting the terms of federal officials.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate is
52 hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the
53 President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the
54 Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,
55 to transmit copies to the members of the United States Senate and
56 United States House of Representatives from this state, and to
57 transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the
58 legislative houses in the several states, requesting their
59 cooperation.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a
61 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
62 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at
63 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on
64 the same subject.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mississippi delegates are
66 instructed not to support term limits for members of Congress.

