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Memorializing the Congress of the United States to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, each year this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures repeatedly exceed available revenues and the current national debt is over \$8 trillion and represents more than \$27,000 in debt per citizen; and

WHEREAS, the federal budget fails to reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of special outlays, which are neither included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning requires that the budget reflect all federal spending and that the budget be in balance; and

WHEREAS, attempts to curtail federal spending, confine expenditures to available revenues, and reduce the annual deficit have met with only limited success; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to balance the budget will promote responsibility at the federal level, provide a check against unnecessary and costly appropriations, and reinforce efforts to bring about fiscal integrity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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