

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

BY ERPELDING

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CON-  
3 GRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE  
4 STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of  
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth  
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, Congress was meant to be a citizen legislature. Congressional  
9 representatives were intended to go to Washington, D.C., serve for a short  
10 time, and then return to live under the laws they had made; and

11 WHEREAS, Congress is too often a haven for career politicians who put  
12 their own power and privileges ahead of public service; and

13 WHEREAS, many congressional incumbents are nearly impossible to unseat  
14 because of their powerful connections and financial backing from lobbyists  
15 and special interests; and

16 WHEREAS, members of Congress have a very low public approval rating but  
17 an extremely high reelection rate; and

18 WHEREAS, Congress has the power to propose amendments to the United  
19 States Constitution; and

20 WHEREAS, a large majority of Americans support term limits.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
22 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
23 the Senate concurring therein, that the congressional delegation represent-  
24 ing the State of Idaho is urged to sponsor and support a congressional joint  
25 resolution that proposes an amendment to the United States Constitution,  
26 creating term limits of 16 years of service as a member of the United States  
27 House of Representatives and 18 years of service as a member of the United  
28 States Senate.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-  
30 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this  
31 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
32 resentatives of Congress, and to the congressional delegation representing  
33 the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.