

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 102

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

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, TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE  
4 STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO EACH OF THE  
5 SPEAKERS AND SENATE PRESIDENTS OF THE NINETY-NINE STATE LEGISLATIVE  
6 CHAMBERS IN THE 50 STATES.

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

10 WHEREAS, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential el-  
11 ement of America's system of checks and balances that protects our constitu-  
12 tional rights; and

13 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has been composed of nine justices for more  
14 than 150 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the President and Congress should be prohibited from undermin-  
16 ing the independence of the Supreme Court by changing the number of justices  
17 on the Court.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
19 sion of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
20 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of the State of Idaho  
21 urges Congress to propose the "Keep Nine Amendment" to the United States Con-  
22 stitution that states: "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be com-  
23 posed of nine Justices."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is  
25 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the  
26 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
27 Representatives of Congress, to the congressional delegation representing  
28 the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, and to each of the  
29 speakers and senate presidents of the 99 state legislative chambers in the  
30 50 states.