

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a
2 Convention for proposing an amendment pursuant to Article V
3 of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing
4 an amendment that limits the number of justices on the
5 Supreme Court of the United States.

6 WHEREAS, The Founders of our nation empowered State
7 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of
8 power by the Federal Government; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of Supreme Court justices has fluctuated
10 from 7 justices at its smallest point to 10 justices at its
11 largest point; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution does not specify the
13 number of justices that should sit on the Supreme Court; and

14 WHEREAS, Currently the number of Supreme Court justices is
15 specified in the Judiciary Act of 1789; and

16 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States can easily amend
17 the act to add or subtract justices to increase the power of the
18 majority party or for other partisan purposes; and

19 WHEREAS, Presidents and members of Congress have threatened

1 to pack the court for the purpose of achieving a political end;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court was not meant to be a tool for a
4 partisan Congress to use to increase their power; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
7 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby apply to Congress
8 under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the
9 United States for the calling of a convention limited to
10 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States
11 to limit the number of Supreme Court justices to nine; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by
14 the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the United
15 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
16 Representatives, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and
17 to the presiding officers of each house of the state
18 legislatures requesting their cooperation in applying for a
19 convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this
20 application.