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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

Sponsors: Representatives Jones, Millis, Riddell, and Pendleton (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Judiciary I.

February 5, 2015

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V
2 CONVENTION OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING
3 AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

4 Whereas, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered State
5 Legislators to be guardians against actual or potential abuses of power by the federal
6 government; and

7 Whereas, the federal government has increasingly usurped legitimate roles of the
8 States; and

9 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through
10 unsustainable budgeting and spending; and

11 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect freedom and opportunity for
12 our citizens, including the generations to come; and

13 Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution authorizes a process to propose
14 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States to
15 place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; Now, therefore,

16 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

17 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the State of North Carolina hereby applies to
18 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
19 calling of a Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of
20 the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and
21 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for
22 members of Congress.

23 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this application to the
24 President of the United States, Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of
25 the United States House of Representatives, the members of North Carolina's congressional
26 delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative house in the several States
27 requesting their cooperation.

28 **SECTION 3.** This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance
29 with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least
30 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

31 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

