

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5013

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to  
2 propose the "Keep Nine" amendment to the United States  
3 Constitution.

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5 WHEREAS, An independent United States Supreme Court is an  
6 essential element of America's system of checks and balances that  
7 protects our constitutional rights; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has been composed of  
9 nine justices for more than 150 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The President and Congress should be prohibited from  
11 undermining the independence of the Supreme Court by changing the  
12 number of justices on the Court: Now, therefore,

13 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*  
14 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the State of Kansas urges Congress to  
15 propose the "Keep Nine" amendment to the United States Constitution  
16 that states: "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed  
17 of nine justices"; and

18 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an  
19 enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the Kansas  
20 Congressional delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of  
21 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate and the  
22 leader of each legislative chamber for the other 49 states.