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3 By Senators Waggoner, Taylor, Williams, Brooks, Brewbaker,
4 Holtzclaw, Beason, Ward, Reed, Dial, Whatley, Marsh and
5 Bedford
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4 ENROLLED, SJR25,

5 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AN
6 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A
7 BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.

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9 WHEREAS, for many years a persistent political issue
10 facing Congress has been whether to require the budget of the
11 United States to be in balance; and

12 WHEREAS, although a balanced federal budget has long
13 been held as a political ideal; and

14 WHEREAS, the accumulation of alarming deficits in
15 recent years has heightened concern that immediate action to
16 require a balance between revenues and expenditures at the
17 national level is necessary if not critical to the financial
18 well-being of the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, while financial and social ills are
20 aggravated by ever-increasing personal and family debt,
21 spiraling national debt aggravates ills that may not be
22 immediately felt but are equally harmful to society; and

23 WHEREAS, the national debt, which is approximately
24 14 trillion dollars, has increased by over three trillion
25 dollars in the last two years alone; and

1 WHEREAS, out of control deficits and the massive
2 federal debt suggest that tough decisions lie ahead if the
3 United States is to have control of its financial destiny; and

4 WHEREAS, the leaders of this nation must be held
5 accountable for the financial decisions they make and not be
6 allowed to spend the nation into financial oblivion; and

7 WHEREAS, ratifying a proposed constitutional
8 amendment requiring a balanced budget would clearly
9 communicate to the federal government that the states, on
10 behalf of their citizens, insist that their tax money be spent
11 in a manner that demonstrates fiscal responsibility; and

12 WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment requiring a
13 balanced budget, though not without discomfort and sacrifice,
14 would serve as a vital fiscal reality check for the United
15 States Government and its people; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we strongly urge the United
18 States Congress to pass an amendment to the United States
19 Constitution requiring a balanced budget by October 1, 2011,
20 and send it to the states for ratification.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
22 resolution be provided to the Majority Leader of the United
23 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
24 Representatives, and to the members of Alabama's congressional
25 delegation.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 10-MAR-11

By: Senator Waggoner