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3 By Senators Waggoner, Taylor, Williams, Brooks, Brewbaker,  
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8           URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AN  
9 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A  
10 BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.

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

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

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

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

1           WHEREAS, the national debt, which is approximately  
2 14 trillion dollars, has increased by over three trillion  
3 dollars in the last two years alone; and

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

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

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

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

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

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
25 resolution be provided to the Majority Leader of the United  
26 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of

1       Representatives, and to the members of Alabama's congressional  
2       delegation.