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H. J. RES. 54

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the use of foreign law as authority in Federal courts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2013

Mr. CULBERSON (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GOWDY, and Mr. MULVANEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. Any legal opinion or ruling issued by
3 any court in the United States, including those rulings and
4 opinions issued by the Supreme Court of the United
5 States, shall be based only on the United States Constitu-
6 tion, or on duly enacted statutes and domestic case law
7 of the United States or any State and shall not be based
8 on international laws, treaties, or religious laws.

9 “SECTION 2. Any action of a court in violation of sec-
10 tion 1 is null and void.”.

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