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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the limitation of contributions and expenditures respecting elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself and Mr. LATOURETTE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Congress seeks to ensure that all citizens, regardless of wealth, have an equal voice in elections and an equal opportunity to run for public office;

Whereas the Congress seeks to further the principle of “one person, one vote” and to preserve the integrity of the democratic system;

Whereas the Congress seeks to limit corruption with respect to elections and the appearance of such corruption; and

Whereas the Congress believes that the unlimited use of money to influence elections is incompatible with the principles of free speech and equal protection established

10 “ARTICLE —

11 “SECTION 1. The Congress shall have the power to

12 set limits on contributions and expenditures respecting

13 any Federal election or ballot measure.

14 “SEC. 2. Each State shall have the power to set limits

15 on contributions and expenditures respecting all non-Fed-

16 eral elections and ballot measures in that State. For the

17 purposes of this section the term ‘State’ means each of

18 the several States, the District of Columbia, and any com-

19 monwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”

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