

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 13

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment to the Constitution in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo*.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2   *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Su-  
3   preme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment to the  
4   Constitution in its decision in the 1976 case of *Buckley*  
5   *v. Valeo* because—

6           (1) the decision failed to recognize that the un-  
7   limited spending of large amounts of money on elec-  
8   tions has a corrosive effect on the electoral process  
9   not simply because of direct transactions between  
10   those who give large amounts of money and can-

1 didates and elected officials but because the presence  
2 of unlimited amounts of money corrupts the process  
3 on a more fundamental level; and  
4 (2) the decision failed to recognize other legiti-  
5 mate state interests which justify limiting money in  
6 campaigns, including the need to preserve the integ-  
7 rity of our republican form of government, restore  
8 public confidence in government, and ensure all citi-  
9 zens a more equal opportunity to participate in the  
10 political process.

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