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1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 1

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. PENCE, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. JONES, Mr. WAMP, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. PETRI, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. MACK, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. MCCOTTER, Ms. FALLIN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. DENT, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LUCAS, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SCALISE, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. UPTON, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. BOREN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary



1 United States Government for that fiscal year in which  
2 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

3 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become  
4 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number  
5 of each House by a rollcall vote.

6 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions  
7 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
8 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
9 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
10 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
11 serious military threat to national security and is so de-  
12 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the  
13 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

14 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-  
15 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely  
16 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

17 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
18 of the United States Government except those derived  
19 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
20 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
21 ment of debt principal.

22 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning  
23 with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its

1 ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after Decem-  
2 ber 31, 2014.”.

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