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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2017

Mr. NOLAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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overturning the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo*.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN**
 3 **CITIZENS UNITED DECISION AND COR-**
 4 **PORATE CITIZENSHIP FOR PURPOSES OF PO-**
 5 **LITICAL ACTIVITY.**

6 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that,
 7 in order to overturn the decision of the Supreme Court
 8 in the case of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commis-*
 9 *sion* (558 U.S. 310), Congress should enact and the States
 10 should ratify a constitutional amendment providing that
 11 any right of a corporation, other business organization,
 12 or other artificial entity to engage in political activity, in-
 13 cluding the making of contributions and expenditures for
 14 the purpose of influencing an election for public office or
 15 a ballot measure, is not derived from the First Amend-
 16 ment but from the laws of the United States and the
 17 States, and may be exercised only to the extent provided
 18 by such laws.

19 **SEC. 2. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN**
 20 **BUCKLEY DECISION.**

21 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that,
 22 in order to overturn the decision of the Supreme Court
 23 in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo* (424 U.S. 1), Congress
 24 should enact and the States should ratify a constitutional

1 amendment providing that Congress and the States have
2 the authority to impose limits on the amount of expendi-
3 tures that may be made by candidates and others in sup-
4 port of elections for public office.

