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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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 by the Congress:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. No person who has served 9 consecutive
3 terms as a Representative shall be eligible for election to
4 the House of Representatives for a tenth consecutive term.
5 For purposes of this section, the election of a person to
6 fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives shall be in-
7 cluded as 1 term in determining the number of terms that
8 such person has served as a Representative if the person
9 fills the vacancy for more than 1 year. Nothing in this
10 section shall prevent a person described in the first sen-
11 tence from being eligible for election to the House of Rep-
12 resentatives for a subsequent term if there is a period of
13 not less than 1 year between such consecutive terms and
14 the subsequent term.

15 “SECTION 2. No person who has served 3 consecutive
16 terms as a Senator shall be eligible for election or appoint-
17 ment to the Senate for a fourth consecutive term. For pur-
18 poses of this section, the election or appointment of a per-
19 son to fill a vacancy in the Senate shall be included as
20 1 term in determining the number of terms that such per-
21 son has served as a Senator if the person fills the vacancy
22 for more than 3 years. Nothing in this section shall pre-
23 vent a person described in the first sentence from being
24 eligible for election or appointment to the Senate for a
25 subsequent term if there is a period of not less than 1

1 year between such consecutive terms and the subsequent
2 term.

3 “SECTION 3. No term of service beginning before the
4 date of the ratification of this article shall be taken into
5 account in determining eligibility for election or appoint-
6 ment under this article.”.

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