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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 *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 for ratification:

11 “SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
12 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-
13 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall
14 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
15 by a rollcall vote.

20 “SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President
21 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the

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.”.

