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# H. CON. RES. 333

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

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

Ms. KAPTUR 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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