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# H. J. RES. 2

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CULBERSON, and Mr. FARENTHOLD) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

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

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:*



1 such waiver must identify and be limited to the specific  
2 excess or increase for that fiscal year made necessary by  
3 the identified military conflict.

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

7 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
8 of the United States Government except those derived  
9 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
10 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
11 ment of debt principal.

12 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning  
13 with the fifth fiscal year beginning after its ratification.”.

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