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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR10128-LG-49A

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Sponsors: Representative Penny.

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Referred to:

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- 1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE "KEEP NINE  
2 AMENDMENT" TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.  
3 Whereas, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential element of  
4 America's system of checks and balances that protects our constitutional rights; and  
5 Whereas, the United States Supreme Court has been composed of nine Justices for  
6 more than 150 years; and  
7 Whereas, the President and Congress should be prohibited from undermining the  
8 independence of the Supreme Court by changing the number of Justices on the court; Now,  
9 therefore,  
10 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:  
11 **SECTION 1.** That the North Carolina General Assembly urges Congress to propose  
12 the following "Keep Nine Amendment" to the United States Constitution:  
13 "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices."  
14 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution to each  
15 member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United States House  
16 of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and each of the presiding  
17 officers of the legislative chambers of the other 49 states.  
18 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.



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