**Resolution of Concern – U.S. Congressional Term Limits**

WHEREAS, the founders of our Nation incorporated into their first governing document, the Articles of Confederation, mandatory rotation, their reference to term limits;

WHEREAS, members of U.S. Congress from both parties routinely accept significant contributions from interest groups for the sole purpose of influencing their votes often in a manner contrary to the interests of their constituents and the Nation;

WHEREAS, members of U.S. Congress from both parties have accepted significant contributions from private parties, such as the healthcare and finance industries, with financial interests in legislative outcomes of legislation such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act;

WHEREAS, members of U.S. Congress routinely exempt themselves from legislative restrictions imposed on others;

WHEREAS, the members, after many years of U.S. Congressional tenure, seek and receive lucrative employment with the very entities over which they have had oversight;

WHEREAS, the citizens of our Nation have come to realize with the passing of time the problems resulting from unlimited terms for the President and in 1951 chose to pass the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms in office;

WHEREAS, a change would require an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a precedent has already been set with a 2-term limit for U.S. President;

WHEREAS, the citizens are now aware that unlimited terms for members of U.S. Congress, regardless of the resulting benefits of experience, produce costs to our Nation far outweighing such benefits;

WHEREAS, and currently U.S. Senators serve 6-year terms and have unlimited opportunity to serve terms of office and U.S. House Representatives serve 2-year terms and can be re-elected with unlimited terms of office;

WHEREAS, President Trump backs a bi-partisan Congressional House push for term limits for both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. A bi-partisan Congressional group proposed that term limits should begin with the current freshman class of the U.S House and U.S. Senate;

**RESOLVED,** the Executive Committee of the NCGOP urges all Republican members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation to propose and support legislation limiting U.S. House members to four two-year terms and U.S. Senate members to two six-year terms. A total of 8 years be the limit for members of the U.S. House and 12 years for the U.S. Senate.

Adopted by the Orange County GOP \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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