**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE “KEEP NINE” AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT STATES: “THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE JUSTICES”.

Whereas, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential element of America’s system of checks and balances that protects our Constitutional rights; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court has been composed of nine justices for more than one hundred fifty years; and

Whereas, the President and Congress should be prohibited from undermining the independence of the Supreme Court by changing the number of justices on the United States Supreme Court. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, memorialize Congress to propose the “Keep Nine” Amendment to the United States Constitution that states: “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices.”

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and to each of the Speakers and Senate Presidents of the ninety‑nine State Legislative Chambers in the fifty states.

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