**S.J. Res. 376**

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IN THE WASAMUN MODEL UNITED STATES SENATE

January 17, 2020

Mr. Cruz and Mr. Lee introduced the following joint resolution

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

Congress makes the following findings:

1. The incumbency rate in congressional elections in 2018 was 91% and in 2016 was 97%.
2. Serving as a Member of Congress for a prolonged period of time can result in elected representatives becoming separated from the views of the people in their constituencies.
3. Lobbyists and special interests have an inappropriate and corrupting influence over Federal government and establishing term limits would reduce such influence.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein),

That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE 28 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

SECTION 1. No person who has served two terms as a Representative shall be eligible for election to the House of Representatives. For purposes of this section, the election of a person to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives shall be included as one term in determining the number of terms that such person has served as a Representative if the person fills the vacancy for more than one year.

SECTION 2. No person who has served two terms as a Senator shall be eligible for election or appointment to the Senate. For purposes of this section, the election or appointment of a person to fill a vacancy in the Senate shall be included as one term in determining the number of terms that such person has served as a Senator if the person fills the vacancy for more than three years.

SECTION 3. No term beginning before the date of the ratification of this article shall be taken into account in determining eligibility for election or appointment under this article.