

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 199

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A RESOLUTION urging Congress to use Tennessee's budgetary policy as a model for the federal government.

WHEREAS, the United States of America is facing an unprecedented economic situation in which the housing market, banking industry, and manufacturing sector have almost completely collapsed and significant losses in both the number of jobs and the amount of wages threaten to cause significant damage to the nation's economic stability for years to come; and

WHEREAS, instead of returning to our founding principles of limited government, personal responsibility, and fiscal discipline, the federal government launched numerous spending and entitlement programs, adding more than \$3 trillion to the national debt in two years; and

WHEREAS, currently, our elected officials in Washington are locked in a budgetary stalemate, issuing short-term, temporary spending bills, which create instability and a threat to security; and

WHEREAS, while the State of Tennessee has faced the same threats to its economic stability as the United States, the Tennessee General Assembly and the Governor have resolved to solve our fiscal crisis in the opposite manner; and

WHEREAS, being staunchly committed to the constitutional mandate of balancing our state budget, this generation of Tennessee leadership is making painful but necessary spending cuts and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of every government entity, all while maintaining a healthy rainy day fund and without raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all sides join the national conversation on restoring fiscal soundness, commit to operating the federal government in a more efficient manner, and make the sacrifices necessary to ensure the success of future generations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges the United States Congress to use the State of Tennessee's budgetary policy as a model for the federal government and restore fiscal stability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution with this final clause omitted from such copy to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.