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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT NINE JUSTICES SHALL SERVE ON THE SUPREME COURT.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court (Supreme Court)  
2 has comprised a chief justice and eight associate justices for  
3 more than one hundred fifty years; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the role of the Supreme Court as the final legal  
6 interpreter of the United States Constitution (Constitution)  
7 requires the Court to remain independent and non-partisan; and  
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9           WHEREAS, if the President or Congress of the United States  
10 can unilaterally change the composition of the Supreme Court,  
11 the Court's independence and integrity are compromised; and  
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13           WHEREAS, previous attempts to increase the number of  
14 justices on the Supreme Court have been summarily rejected and  
15 widely condemned by members of both political parties; now,  
16 therefore,  
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18           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2021, that the United States Congress is urged to amend the  
21 Constitution, subject to ratification by the states, to specify  
22 that nine justices shall serve on the Supreme Court; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
26 congressional delegation.  
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OFFERED BY: 

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