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Reaffirming the Twenty-second Amendment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOLDMAN of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on March 3, 2018, President Trump expressed an interest in being “President for life”, stating that Chinese President Xi Jinping “was able to do that. I think it’s great. Maybe we’ll have to give that a shot someday”;

Whereas, on April 12, 2018, in a speech to Members of Congress touting his tax law, President Trump mused about staying in office beyond two Presidential terms, asking Members, “Should we go back to sixteen years? Should we do that? Congressman, can we do that?”;

Whereas, on April 18, 2019, President Trump told a crowd that he might remain in the Oval Office “at least for 10 or 14 years”;

Whereas, on May 20, 2019, at a campaign event in Pennsylvania President Trump mused about serving five terms

in the White House, telling the crowd that after winning in 2020, “maybe if we really like it a lot and if things keep going like they’re going, we’ll go and we’ll do what we have to do. We’ll do a three and a four and a five”;

Whereas, on June 16, 2019, President Trump asked his Twitter followers that after a potential second term, “do you think the people would demand that I stay longer?”;

Whereas, on June 24, 2019, in an interview with The Hill, President Trump floated the idea of staying in office for more than two terms; “Well, we have to go through the six years or whatever it may be when—when you know, would I like to get a ride out of some of your compatriots, say, go through the six, 10, 14, maybe 18 years, whatever it may be”;

Whereas, on August 17, 2020, President Trump told rallygoers in Wisconsin, “We are going to win four more years. And then after that, we’ll go for another four years because they spied on my campaign. We should get a redo of four years”;

Whereas, on September 13, 2020, President Trump told rallygoers in Nevada, “we’re going to win four more years in the White House. And then after that, well negotiate, right? Because we’re probably—based on the way we were treated—we are probably entitled to another four after that”;

Whereas President Trump shared a video on Twitter on June 21, 2019, February 5, 2020, and August 4, 2020, that depicts him remaining in office indefinitely;

Whereas, on December 7, 2023, President Trump told Fox News that he would be a dictator on “day one”;

Whereas a contributor to Project 2025 has advocated for the repeal of the Twenty-second Amendment because it is an “arbitrary restraint” that would “constrain” a future Trump Presidency;

Whereas, on April 12, 2024, when asked by a TIME magazine reporter whether individuals in the United States should be concerned about his “talk of dictatorship”, President Trump stated that he thinks “a lot of people like it”;

Whereas, on May 19, 2024, President Trump openly mused about serving a third Presidential term while speaking to the National Rifle Association, asking the crowd “I don’t know, are we going to be considered three-term or two-term?”, and “are we three term or two term if we win?”;

Whereas, on July 26, 2024, President Trump told attendees of a conservative Christian event that they “won’t have to vote anymore” if he is elected in November, adding “it’ll be fixed so good, you’re not going to have to vote”;

Whereas President Donald Trump told Republican members of the House of Representatives, on November 13, 2024, that “I suspect I won’t be running again unless you say he’s so good we got to figure something else out.”;

Whereas, on January 27, 2025, President Trump told House Republicans at a retreat that “I’ve raised a lot of money for the next race that I assume I can’t use for myself, but I’m not 100% sure, because I don’t know. I think I’m not allowed to run again, I’m not sure. Am I allowed to run again, Mike? I better not get you involved in that.”;

Whereas, on February 6, 2025 at the National Prayer Breakfast, President Trump once again mused about the possi-

bility of seeking another term, stating that “they say I can’t run again; that’s the expression. Then somebody said, I don’t think you can. Oh.”;

Whereas, on February 20, 2025, President Trump asked a crowd at a White House event honoring Black History Month, “Should I run again? You tell me. There’s your controversy right there.”; and

Whereas, on February 20, 2025, President Trump told attendees of the Republican Governors Dinner about running for president in 2028: “And they tell me I’m not allowed to run. I’m not sure. Is that true? I’m not sure.”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms that the Twenty-second Amend-
3 ment applies to two terms in the aggregate as Presi-
4 dent of the United States; and

5 (2) reaffirms that the Twenty-second Amend-
6 ment prohibits President Trump from running for
7 President for another term.

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