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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve to 3 in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHWEIKERT (for himself, Mr. WALSH of Illinois, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. No person who has served three terms
5 as a Representative shall be eligible for election to the
6 House of Representatives. For purposes of this section,
7 the election of a person to fill a vacancy in the House of
8 Representatives shall be included as one term in deter-
9 mining the number of terms that such person has served
10 as a Representative if the person fills the vacancy for more
11 than one year.

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

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

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