

Resolution of Concern – Congressional Term Limits

Resolution sponsored by Waddy Davis
for consideration at the 2025 OCGOP County Convention.

Whereas, the founders of our Nation incorporated into their first governing document, the Articles of Confederation, mandatory rotation, their reference to term limits;

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson, upon his return from France, viewed the newly written Constitution and expressed his extreme dislike for the abandonment in every instance of elected office mandatory rotation provisions;

Whereas, many Founders and signers of the Constitution, like-minded or not with Thomas Jefferson on the matter of term limits, could not have imagined the degeneracy to which members of Congress have stooped in pursuit of their personal interest and continued tenure in office at the expense of our Nation and the interests of its citizens;

Whereas, members of Congress from both parties routinely accept significant contributions from interest groups for the sole purpose of influencing their votes often in a manner contrary to the interests of their constituents and the Nation;

Whereas, members of Congress from both parties have accepted significant contributions from private parties, such as the healthcare and finance industries, with financial interests in legislative outcomes of legislation such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act;

Whereas, members of Congress routinely exempt themselves from legislative restrictions imposed on others, such as, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, insider information stock trading restrictions and penalties under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and a long history of laws that the members deem inconvenient for themselves;

Whereas, the members, after many years of Congressional tenure, seek and receive lucrative employment with the very entities over which they have had oversight;

Whereas, the citizens of our Nation have come to realize with the passing of time the problems resulting from unlimited terms for the President and in 1951 chose to pass the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms in office;

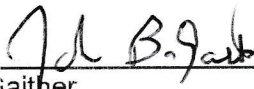
Whereas, the citizens are now aware that unlimited terms for members of Congress, regardless of the resulting benefits of experience, produce costs to our Nation far outweighing such benefits, and have spawned a permanent political class that is able to skirt the rules and laws that apply to the rest of us;

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States, in 1995, blocked states from imposing term limits on members of Congress (23 states had already imposed term limits on their members), albeit by a 5 to 4 vote, and we expect that setting of term limits on members of the Congress at least for now may require an amendment to the Constitution; and

Whereas, currently US Senators serve 6-year terms and have unlimited opportunity to serve terms of office and US House Representatives serve 2-year terms and can be re-elected with unlimited terms of office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the OCGOP urges all Republican members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation to propose and support legislation limiting House members to six two-year terms and Senate members to two six-year terms.

Adopted this 29th day of March, 2025, by the Orange County, NC Republican Party.



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