

Senate Resolution 410

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th,  
Jackson of the 2nd and others

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the United States Congress and the President of the United States work to  
2 amend the Constitution of the United States to prohibit corporations and other entities from  
3 making unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing candidates for public  
4 office; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, a vast majority of Americans recognize that the influence of large contributions  
6 by corporations and other entities harms the ability of average citizens to have a voice in their  
7 own government; and

8 WHEREAS, the narrow five to four decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens*  
9 *United v. Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876 (2010), allows corporations and other  
10 entities to make unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing a candidate for  
11 public office; and

12 WHEREAS, unlimited independent expenditures from corporations and other entities were  
13 prohibited until the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United*; and

14 WHEREAS, much of the hundreds of millions of dollars being spent by corporations and  
15 other entities since the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United* is going  
16 to negative ads, which often misinform voters rather than lead to a productive discussion of  
17 the states' and nation's most important issues; and

18 WHEREAS, unless the United States Supreme Court reverses its ruling, the only way to  
19 reverse the harmful effects of the *Citizens United* ruling is to amend the Constitution of the  
20 United States; and

21 WHEREAS, while not addressed by the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens*  
22 *United*, unlimited independent expenditures made by individuals also distort the political  
23 process and ability of all American citizens to have an equal voice in government.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 request that the United States Congress and the President of the United States work across  
26 party lines to propose a constitutional amendment to prohibit corporations and other entities  
27 from making unlimited independent expenditures.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, all  
30 members of the United States Congress, and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each  
31 of the other 49 states.