

House Resolution 23

By: Representatives Jones of the 25th, Jones of the 47th, Fleming of the 121st, Burchett of the 176th, and Dubnik of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to reject any and all actions to increase the number of
2 justices on the United States Supreme Court; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential and fundamental
4 element of the United States' system of checks and balances that protects our constitutional
5 rights; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has been composed of a chief justice and eight
7 associate justices for more than 150 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the president of the United States and Congress should be prohibited from
9 undermining the independence of the Supreme Court by changing the number of justices on
10 the court; and

11 WHEREAS, previous attempts to increase the number of justices on the United States
12 Supreme Court have been summarily rejected and widely condemned by individuals in both
13 political parties; and

14 WHEREAS, a successful political movement to increase the number of justices on the United
15 States Supreme Court would undermine its independence and credibility.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to resist any attempt to increase
18 the number of justices on the United States Supreme Court.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 public and the press.