

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

Reps. Arbit, Myers-Phillips, Tsernoglou, Rheingans, Glanville, McKinney, Steckloff, Andrews, Wegela, McFall, Mentzer, Wooden, Morgan, Coffia, Skaggs, Foreman, Breen, Young, MacDonell, Hoskins, Pohutsky, Price, B. Carter, Grant, Miller, Paiz, Scott, O'Neal, Martus, Hope, Conlin, Wilson, Koleszar, Weiss, Longjohn, Brixie and Puri offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to reaffirm our support for the Twenty-Second
2 Amendment to the United States Constitution, establishing a two-
3 term limit for the office of President of the United States.

4 Whereas, The United States has had a strong norm of a two-term
5 limit for President since our founding days, which we have since
6 codified as the Twenty-Second Amendment to the United States
7 Constitution. Only one United States President, Franklin Delano
8 Roosevelt, has ever served for more than two terms, and it was his
9 unprecedented election to third and fourth terms of office that

1 prompted the creation of the Twenty-Second Amendment. As a result,
2 our Constitution now provides:

3 No person shall be elected to the office of the President
4 more than twice, and no person who has held the office of
5 President, or acted as President, for more than two years
6 of a term to which some other person was elected President
7 shall be elected to the office of the President more than
8 once.

9 ; and

10 Whereas, All Presidents have respected the two-term limit
11 since it was ratified in the mid-20th century; and

12 Whereas, Term limits act as a crucial barrier to the
13 consolidation of power by would-be autocrats. One of the more
14 common forms of democratic backsliding today is executive
15 aggrandizement, whereby elected executives weaken checks on their
16 power. Presidential systems are inherently more vulnerable to
17 democratic backsliding than parliamentary systems, especially given
18 the tremendous power concentrated in the office of the president.
19 Term limits are an important constitutional safeguard in
20 presidential systems, as has been recognized by many nations across
21 the globe. According to data from the Comparative Constitutions
22 Project, as of 2023, the constitutions of 108 countries imposed
23 term limits on the office of president; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we reaffirm our
25 support for the Twenty-Second Amendment to the United States
26 Constitution, establishing a two-term limit for the office of
27 President of the United States; and be it further

28 Resolved, That we reject any claim by any individual intended
29 to undermine the Twenty-Second Amendment, or any attempt by any

1 individual to delegitimize, weaken, amend, ignore, or subvert the
2 Twenty-Second Amendment.