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H. C. R. No. 32

Representative Dovilla

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to implement a zero-
based budgeting process.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The federal government currently employs
traditional budgeting practices to determine annual
expenditures, meaning federal agencies start with the prior
years' budgets and then add in growth measures and new spending
proposals; and

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WHEREAS, Zero-based budgeting, however, starts from zero
and requires each agency to build its budget from the ground up
so that the resulting budget reflects the amount of funding
deemed necessary to achieve the most cost-effective performance
of each federal agency; and

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WHEREAS, As a result, each agency must freshly evaluate
each dollar proposed to be appropriated and determine whether
the proposed appropriation meets the agency's objectives and
mission; and

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WHEREAS, Additionally, as part of this evaluation process,
each agency also may be required to rank programs and activities
to enable policymakers to determine the agency's highest
priorities; and

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WHEREAS, Applying a zero-based budgeting approach to the 21
budget periodically will enable lawmakers to reexamine and reset 22
the scale and scope of federal programming without introducing 23
significant inefficiencies to the Congressional budgeting 24
process; and 25

WHEREAS, Legislation, S. 181, has been introduced in the 26
119th Congress to require federal agencies to submit zero-based 27
budgets; and 28

WHEREAS, This legislation, with seven co-sponsors in the 29
U.S. Senate, represents a promising start in the legislative 30
discussion regarding congressional oversight of agency 31
expenditures; and 32

WHEREAS, If passed, legislation requiring zero-based 33
budgeting will improve fiscal responsibility and combat fraud 34
and waste in federal spending; now therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 36
Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, urge the 37
United States Congress to take prompt action to reduce spending 38
by implementing zero-based budgeting; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to each 41
member of the United States Congressional delegation from Ohio 42
and the news media of Ohio. 43