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Representative Dovilla

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Schmidt, White, A., Williams, Willis

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to implement a zero- 1
based budgeting process. 2

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

WHEREAS, The federal government currently employs 3
traditional budgeting practices to determine annual 4
expenditures, meaning federal agencies start with the prior 5
years' budgets and then add in growth measures and new spending 6
proposals; and 7

WHEREAS, Zero-based budgeting, however, starts from zero 8
and requires each agency to build its budget from the ground up 9
so that the resulting budget reflects the amount of funding 10
deemed necessary to achieve the most cost-effective performance 11
of each federal agency; and 12

WHEREAS, As a result, each agency must freshly evaluate 13
each dollar proposed to be appropriated and determine whether 14
the proposed appropriation meets the agency's objectives and 15
mission; and 16

WHEREAS, Additionally, as part of this evaluation process, 17
each agency also may be required to rank programs and activities 18
to enable policymakers to determine the agency's highest 19

priorities; and	20
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