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**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