

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1805

By Senator Steineger

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9 A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to
10 balance the federal budget by 2012.

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12 WHEREAS, The expenditures of the federal government affect the
13 welfare of all citizens and to some degree the citizens of all nations. As
14 the world's only superpower our government's actions and the results
15 thereof are vital to the world's well being. Needless to say leadership costs
16 money, and our government has not been found wanting in its expendi-
17 tures of money; and

18 WHEREAS, The sobering truth though is that throughout the past
19 several years the federal government has spent more than it has received,
20 and borrowed enormous sums from foreign powers such as Saudi Arabia
21 and China. From a federal debt of \$1 trillion in 1980, the public debt has
22 increased to \$8 billion in 2005, and we have been experiencing annual
23 budget deficits exceeding \$500 billion. The cumulative effect of repeated
24 deficit spending weakens our currency in the world marketplace, damages
25 our national competitiveness in global competition, and results in the
26 continued erosion of the value of our citizens' savings and their ability to
27 maintain or improve their standard of living; and

28 WHEREAS, There comes a time when even our nation must be fis-
29 cally responsible: Now, therefore,

30 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* The we memo-
31 rialize the Congress of the United States to accept its fiscal responsibility
32 to its citizens and produce a balanced budget by the year 2012; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an
34 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States
35 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and
36 to each member of the Kansas legislative delegation.