

# HOUSE RESOLUTION No.

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the seriousness of  
2           the U.S. national debt and its threat to national security.

3           *Whereas, In December 2025, the outstanding public debt  
4           of the United States totaled more than \$38 trillion, with public  
5           debt equaling 118 percent of gross domestic product, and the  
6           debt owed per citizens rising \$112,000;*

7           *Whereas, More than \$8 trillion of the federal debt is owned  
8           by individuals outside the United States, including more than  
9           \$800 billion owned by individuals in China;*

10          *Whereas, In fiscal year 2024, the U.S. had a deficit of over  
11           \$1 trillion after the U.S. Congress failed to pass a balanced  
12           budget, and federal tax receipts totaled \$5 trillion, short of the*



1        *federal outlays totaling \$6.75 trillion;*

2            *Whereas, The Social Security and Medicaid board of  
3 trustees projects that the Old Age and Survivors Insurance  
4 Trust Fund and the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will  
5 be depleted by 2033 and 2036, respectively;*

6            *Whereas, On September 22, 2011, the Chairman of the  
7 Joints Chiefs of Staff, Michael Mullen, warned, "the single,  
8 biggest threat to our national security is debt";*

9            *Whereas, On March 6, 2018, the Director of National  
10 Intelligence, Dan Coats, declared, "our continued plunge into  
11 debt is unsustainable and represents a dire future threat to our  
12 economy and to our national security"; and*

13            *Whereas, The last federal budget surplus occurred in 2001,  
14 and the continued rise in the national debt is a significant  
15 concern across Indiana and the around the country: Therefore,*

16            *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
17 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18            SECTION 1. That the State of Indiana recognizes that the  
19 national debt is a threat to national security of the United States  
20 and urges the United States Congress to commit to establishing  
21 an effective regular order for budgeting.

22            SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
23 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to each  
24 member of Indiana's Congressional delegation.

