## Regular Session, 2010

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

### BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

CONGRESS: Memorializes congress and other state legislatures to pledge to return government to its proper purposes and to reverse its encroachment into areas best served by private individuals and makes this same pledge

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the United States Congress and other state legislatures to pledge to return
3	government to its proper purposes and to reverse its encroachment into areas best
4	served by private individuals and to make this same pledge.
5	WHEREAS, the proper role of government is to protect individual citizens'
6	inalienable rights to life, liberty, property, and the fruits of their own labor; and
7	WHEREAS, citizens voluntarily bestow coercive power upon the government to levy
8	taxes insofar as it is necessary to fulfill that role; and
9	WHEREAS, the privilege of coercive power must therefore not be abused to expand
10	government beyond its proper role into areas traditionally and best served by individual
11	entrepreneurs; and
12	WHEREAS, each new area of government spending tends to become entrenched and
13	grow exponentially in future budgets in perpetuity; and
14	WHEREAS, such growth imposes increasing budgetary demands that lead to more
15	and greater taxation; and
16	WHEREAS, tax revenue is money taken from individuals by government and cannot
17	therefore be available to each of them for use according to their own individual needs; and
18	WHEREAS, compelling arguments against overly burdensome taxation have focused
19	on the ability to maximize tax revenues and thereby contribute to greater government
20	growth; and

1 WHEREAS, the true virtue of lowering the tax burden imposed upon citizens by 2 government is that it expands individual liberty and thereby allows for greater economic 3 growth; and 4 WHEREAS, maximizing liberty is a more desirable societal goal than maximizing 5 tax revenues and government growth. 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 7 memorialize the Congress of the United States and other state legislatures to pledge to return 8 government to its proper purposes and to reverse its encroachment into areas best served by 9 private individuals. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature hereby makes this same pledge. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 12 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 13 United States of America and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

# DIGEST

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