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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. _____

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment to the Constitution in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo*.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. KAPTUR submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment to the Constitution in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo*.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Su-
3 preme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment to the
4 Constitution in its decision in the 1976 case of *Buckley*
5 *v. Valeo* because—

6 (1) the decision failed to recognize that the un-
7 limited spending of large amounts of money on elec-
8 tions has a corrosive effect on the electoral process

1 not simply because of direct transactions between
2 those who give large amounts of money and can-
3 didates and elected officials but because the presence
4 of unlimited amounts of money corrupts the process
5 on a more fundamental level; and

6 (2) the decision failed to recognize other legiti-
7 mate state interests which justify limiting money in
8 campaigns, including the need to preserve the integ-
9 rity of our republican form of government, restore
10 public confidence in government, and ensure all citi-
11 zens a more equal opportunity to participate in the
12 political process.