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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

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Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. SOTO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. RASKIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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.

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