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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **2**

A RESOLUTION requesting Congress to begin the process for a constitutional amendment establishing that human beings, not corporations, are entitled to constitutional rights.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock 21; Rep. Cooney, Graf 8; Rep. Weed, Ches 16;
Rep. Pastor, Graf 12

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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1 Whereas, government was established to provide a social contract between naturally born
2 persons; and

3 Whereas, the founders of the United States Constitution and Republic clearly and emphatically
4 intended freedom of speech to mean freedom to communicate with and by natural born persons
5 either directly or through the free press; and

6 Whereas, the United States Supreme Court ruled on January 21, 2010 in Citizens United v.
7 Federal Election Commission that corporations have the same First Amendment rights as people,
8 and that they can spend unlimited amounts of money on elections; and

9 Whereas, the Supreme Court is misguided in principle, and wrong on the law, because in a
10 democracy, the people rule; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

12 That the general court urges the New Hampshire congressional delegation to encourage and
13 expedite a constitutional amendment to firmly establish:

14 I. That human beings, not corporations, are endowed with Constitutional rights protected by
15 the First Amendment; and

16 II. That money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is
17 not equivalent to limited political speech; and

18 III. That the freedoms of speech and the press, and the right to assemble peaceably and to
19 petition the government for the redress of grievances, as protected by this Constitution, shall not
20 encompass the speech, association, or other activities of any corporation or other artificial entity
21 created for business purposes, except for a corporation or entity whose business is the publication or
22 broadcasting of information, when such corporation or entity is engaged in that business. A
23 corporation or other artificial entity created for business purposes includes a corporation or entity
24 that, although not itself engaged in business pursuits, receives the majority of its funding from other
25 corporations or artificial entities created for business purposes; and constitutional rights; and

26 That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the
27 president of the senate, be forwarded by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire
28 congressional delegation.