February 19, 2015

The Honorable Karen Haas
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Room H154
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Georgia, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2014, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,

Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

Making renewed application to the Congress of the United States to call for a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, in 1976, by House Resolution 469-1267, Resolution Act No. 93 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 184), the Georgia General Assembly applied to the Congress to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, by House Resolution No. 1343, Act No. 802 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 1081), the Georgia General Assembly rescinded and repealed all prior applications for constitutional conventions, including but not limited to said 1976 application; and

WHEREAS, the need for such a balanced budget amendment remains and has become far more apparent and urgent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that this body hereby applies again to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and recommends that the convention be limited to consideration and proposal of an amendment requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Georgia congressional delegation and to transmit appropriate copies also to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses of the several states, requesting their cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently-outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and this application should be aggregated with same for the purpose of reaching the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but should not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until:

(1) The legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject and Congress has called for a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
(2) The Congress of the United States has in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States proposed an amendment to said Constitution which is consistent with the balanced budget amendment referenced in this application; or
(3) January 1, 2020,
whichever first occurs.

Senate Resolution 371
By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Hill of the 32nd,
Loudermilk of the 14th and others

Adopted in the Senate March 7, 2014
Adopted in the House February 20, 2014

[Signatures]

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE
SENATOR, DISTRICT 46th
A Resolution

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IN SENATE

Read 1st time Feb. 26, 2013
Read 2nd time Mar. 5, 2013
Read 3rd time Mar. 7, 2013
And Adopted

Yea 39
Nays 13

IN HOUSE

Read 1st time Mar. 11, 2013
Read 2nd time Mar. 12, 2013
Read 3rd time Feb. 20, 2014
And Adopted

Yea 108
Nays 63

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Hill of the 32nd, Loudermilk of the 14th and others