

## House Resolution 126

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to reverse the  
2 ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election*  
3 *Commission*; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, United States Supreme Court rulings, beginning with *Buckley v. Valeo* and  
7 continuing through *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and others,  
8 disproportionately elevate the role of wealthy special interests in elections and diminish the  
9 voices and influence of ordinary Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, the ensuing flood of money into our electoral system threatens political equality  
11 by allowing personal wealth to translate into political power; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of this body support an amendment to the United States  
13 Constitution regarding campaign finance that would firmly establish the following: (1) that,  
14 to advance democratic self-government and political equality and to protect the integrity of  
15 government and the electoral process, Congress and the States may regulate and set  
16 reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money by candidates and others to influence  
17 elections; and (2) that Congress and the States shall have power to implement and enforce  
18 this article by appropriate legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons and  
19 corporations or other artificial entities created by law, including by prohibiting such entities  
20 from spending money to influence elections.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body call upon each member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation  
23 to actively support and promote in Congress an amendment to the United States Constitution  
24 on campaign finance.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
28 Representatives, and each member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation.