

Senate Resolution 478

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, Inc.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute was incorporated on January 27, 2004,
4 with a mission to build a more prosperous Georgia by rigorously analyzing budget and tax
5 policies and educating Georgia leaders to inspire informed debate and responsible decision
6 making; and

7 WHEREAS, the Savannah-based Sapelo Foundation and Washington, D.C.-based Center on
8 Budget and Policy Priorities launched a joint effort to create a Georgia-based nonprofit think
9 tank to focus on state fiscal analysis and budget and tax policy; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute Board of Directors hired Alan Essig as
11 its first Executive Director to build the organization into a team of analysts with special
12 expertise to report on state fiscal matters and decisions that affect the lives of average
13 Georgians; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute now employs specialized analysts who
15 focus on health care, education, economic mobility, tax policy, economic development, and
16 the state's overall fiscal health; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute publishes dozens of fact-based reports
18 on critical issues that determine Georgia's financial future and educates Georgia lawmakers
19 regarding tax, budget, and policy implications of upcoming legislation; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute marked its tenth anniversary year in
21 2014 with a theme of "10 Years of Showing Georgia What's Possible"; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
23 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
24 recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize the legacy of achievements and the contributions the Georgia Budget and Policy
27 Institute staff members have made to further the public's understanding of the state's budget
28 process, the Georgia General Assembly's only constitutionally-mandated duty each session,
29 and extend best wishes for continued success in their ongoing efforts.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
32 Budget and Policy Institute, Inc.