

## House Resolution 403

By: Representatives Rakestraw of the 19<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Teasley of the 37<sup>th</sup>, Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Hilton of the 95<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Compact for a Balanced Budget Commission; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Compact for a Balanced Budget Commission was adopted by this state  
3 pursuant to legislation enacted in Georgia in 2014 (HB 794), so as to unite the states behind  
4 the first-ever state initiated amendment to the Constitution; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this historic amendment proposal requires the federal government to balance  
6 the budget every year, limits their ability to raise the debt ceiling, and returns power to the  
7 states from the federal government; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the commission is having its first formal commission meeting, with all three  
9 commissioners present, on March 20, 2017, at the Georgia State Capitol; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia State Representative Paulette Rakestraw of District 19, a Vice Chair  
11 and Secretary on multiple committees in the House, was appointed to the commission by  
12 Governor Nathan Deal in 2015 and served as the chair from 2015 to January 2017; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Alaska was the second state to join the compact, and Mead Treadwell, the  
14 former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, former chair of the United States Arctic Research  
15 Commission and former Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental  
16 Conservation, was appointed by the Governor of Alaska to the commission; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mississippi was the third state to join the compact, and Speaker Pro Tempore  
18 Greg Snowden of Mississippi, a practicing attorney and member of the Mississippi House  
19 of Representatives Joint Legislative Budget Committee and Rules Committee, was appointed  
20 by the Governor of Mississippi to the commission.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize and commend the Compact for a Balanced Budget  
23 Commission.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 Compact for a Balanced Budget Commission.