



To Honor God, Defend the Family, and Restore the Republic

### *H.B. 494 Resolution of Endorsement*

*May 7, 2011*

*WHEREAS, Georgia has consistently been ranked as having the worst ballot access laws in the country*

*WHEREAS, the petitioning requirements for certain Georgia races are 10 times more restrictive than the national average of all other states combined*

*WHEREAS, the current ballot access laws were established in 1943 to keep certain groups of candidates off of the ballot*

*WHEREAS, few, if any, local or district candidates have ever met the petitioning requirements to obtain ballot access in a partisan general election since said requirements became law in 1943*

*WHEREAS, many citizens of Georgia have become reluctant to sign candidate petitions for fear of identity theft*

*WHEREAS, at least one Georgia citizens has been arrested for collecting petitioning signatures*

*WHEREAS, a Georgia citizen was referred for a felony petition forgery investigation by the State Election Board although the Inspector General for the Secretary of State was unable to produce any evidence of any forgery of upon demand by the citizen at his State Election Board hearing*

*WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of Florida successfully removed the petitioning requirements in their state during 1999*

*Whereas H.B. 494 has been introduced in the Georgia General Assembly to remove petitioning requirements for all candidates and now resides in the House Governmental Affairs Committee*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia endorses H.B. 494 whole heartedly in its entirety as it is currently written and without amendment*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia calls on the Election Advisory Council to recommend to the Secretary of State the passage of H.B. 494*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia calls on the Secretary of State to endorse H.B. 494 and do all within his power to facilitate the passage of H.B. 494 during the next session of the Georgia General Assembly*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia calls upon the chairman of the House Governmental Affairs Committee, Mark Hamilton, to do all within his power to obtain a hearing for H.B. 494 during the next session of the Georgia General Assembly*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia calls upon Speaker Ralston and Majority Leader Rogers to do all within their power to ensure that H.B. 494 receives a hearing and a vote in their respective bodies of the Georgia General Assembly*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia urges each senator and representative to place the interests of the citizens of Georgia over and above their personal and political party interests by voting to pass H.B. 494 during the next legislative session*

*Be it resolved, that the membership of the Constitution Party of Georgia, upon passage of H.B. 494 in the Georgia General Assembly, urges Governor Nathan Deal to sign said bill into law*

*This resolution is hereby adopted unanimously during the state convention for the Constitution Party of Georgia on May 7, 2011*

*DRAFT FORMAT*