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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________

RESOLUTION

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1 Resolved,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional Voting Accountability Act”.

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SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO VOTING AND GENERAL DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) Prohibition Against Proxy Voting.—Section 3(s) of House Resolution 8 (relating to remote voting by proxy and remote committee activity) is repealed.

(b) Recorded Vote Requirement for Any Question Before the House.—Rule XXIX of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following:

"5. Notwithstanding any other rule of the Rules of the House, a recorded vote conducted pursuant to the voting procedures under rule XX shall be considered as ordered on any question put before the House. The Speaker may not entertain a request for the suspension of this rule by unanimous consent or otherwise."

(c) Questions Put by Speaker of the House.—

(1) In General.—Clause 6 of rule I of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

"6. The Speaker shall put a question in the form of a vote by the yeas and nays pursuant to the voting procedures described under rule XX."

(2) Conforming Amendment.—Clause 1(a) of rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking "by voice".
(d) Prohibiting Members From Voting “Present” on Questions on Which Record Vote Is Taken.—Rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“Requiring voting in affirmative or negative

12. On any question on which a record vote is taken in the House, including the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, or in any committee of the House, a Member may vote only in the affirmative or the negative and may not vote ‘present’ except during a quorum call.”.

(e) Requirements With Respect to Voting in the House.—

(1) Vote by the Yeas and Nays Required.—Clause 10 of rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

“10. A recorded vote shall be considered as ordered whenever the Speaker puts the question on passage of a bill or joint resolution, on adoption of an amendment thereto, making general appropriations, on final adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget, or on adoption of a conference report or Senate amendment. The Speaker
may not entertain a request for the suspension of this clause by unanimous consent or otherwise.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause 1(b) of rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representa-
tives is amended by striking “If a Member, Dele-
gate, or Resident Commissioner requests a recorded vote, and that request is supported by at least one-
fifth of a quorum, the vote” and inserting “A re-
corded vote under this rule”.

(f) QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION.—

(1) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO QUORUM.—Clause 6(b)(1) of rule XVIII is amended
by striking “may refuse” and inserting “may not refuse”.

(2) RECORDED VOTE REQUIRED.—Clause 6(e) of rule XVIII is amended to read as follows:
“(e) In the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, a recorded vote shall be considered as ordered whenever the Chair puts the question on pas-
sage of a bill or joint resolution, on adoption of an amend-
ment thereto, making general appropriations, on final adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget, or on adoption of a conference report or Senate amendment. A
recorded vote taken in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union under this paragraph shall be considered a vote by the yeas and nays.”.