

Washington, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) today issued the following statement after voting to pass a budget blueprint in the U.S. House of Representatives, supporting the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution:

“Just as families throughout the First District and America are making hard choices about the necessary expenditures in their household budgets, Congress must also act both decisively and responsibly to address our Nation’s growing deficit. While this budget is not perfect, I voted for it because we must begin the dialogue about the critical issues facing our nation. This budget sets the nation on a fiscally sustainable course by reducing federal spending, and outlining a plan that protects and strengthens Medicare and Social Security to ensure they are viable for future generations. The current path is unsustainable; we must work to save these programs to preserve the benefits of current retirees, and save them for future generations. Now more than ever, we must restore the confidence of families, consumers, and businesses so that our economy – not our government – can grow.”

On Friday, the House approved the FY 2012 Budget Resolution (H.Con.Res. 34) which cuts \$6.2 trillion in government spending over the next decade compared to the President’s budget, and reduces deficits by \$4.4 trillion. It eliminates roughly \$800 billion in tax increases imposed by the President’s health care law and completely repeals it. In addition, the resolution prevents the \$1.5 trillion tax increase called for in the President’s budget. The resolution also saves Medicare and Social Security programs for future generations, while not changing Medicare benefits for those 55 and older.