Washington, DC (July 29, 2011) –Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) on Friday issued the following statement after voting to reign in federal spending and avoid a federal default:

“Once again the House has passed a responsible solution that significantly reduces spending in the short term, caps spending in coming years and moves us toward a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution - all without raising taxes. Most importantly, it ensures more than a dollar in spending cuts for every dollar increase in the debt ceiling.

“While I am in favor of larger spending cuts, this plan is rooted in the principles that move our nation down a path to grow our economy and prevent us from defaulting on our obligations. Now it is the President and Leader Reid's turn to act to deal with our debt, the time for talk is over.”