



US Congressman
David Scott
Representing Georgia's 13th District



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Scott Hosts Successful 2nd Annual Health Fair (Aug. 19)

Congressman David Scott welcomed more than 1,100 constituents and 200 healthcare professionals and volunteers to the Second Annual 13th Congressional District Health Fair held today at Mundy's Mill High School in Clayton County.



"While I've been working in Congress to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all Georgians, I wanted to do some extra," said Congressman Scott. "That's why I'm hosting my annual health fairs to bring together hospitals, insurance & pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and leading healthcare organizations to offer free services for people who otherwise might not have access to such care. This year we were able to build on the success of our first fair by saving more lives with much-needed preventive screenings and empowerment through awareness."

Congressman Scott kicked off the health fair by hosting a panel discussion addressing the importance of preventative care to preempt the onset of such chronic conditions as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, strokes, and obesity. Scott was joined on the panel by actress Ruby Dee, who appeared in conjunction with Pfizer to support his efforts to empower people to better manage their health by attending the annual 13th District Health Fair. Dr. Michael Smith of Atlanta Medical Center's Oncology Department and Dr. Steve Wertheim of Resurgens Orthopedics also served on the panel.

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In Other News:

Scott Statement on Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina August 29

"Today our nation pauses to remember when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast region one year ago, delivering widespread destruction to New Orleans and coastal communities in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. As we reflect today on the devastation caused by the worst natural disaster in this country's history, let us pay tribute to the hundreds of American lives lost in this tragedy and remember still the thousands more who continue to struggle to piece together their broken families, homes, and communities.

"Let us also salute the spirit of kindness that inspired Georgia's citizens and leaders alike to step up without hesitation and welcome over 100,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees into our homes, schools, and churches, 84,000 of which remain a year later in metro Atlanta."

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Legislative News:

Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

» **H.R. 4 - Pension Protection Act**

This bill amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to repeal existing funding rules and to establish new minimum funding standards for single-employer defined benefit pension plans. HR 4 sets forth special rules for plans at risk of terminating because they are underfunded and sponsored by firms that are financially weak, as determined by bond ratings.

» **DS voted FOR H.R. 4; H.R. 4 passed the House 270-131 (July 28, 2006)**

» **H.R. 5684 - To implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement**

This bill implements the trade agreement signed by the U.S. and Oman and would reduce most tariffs on items traded between the two countries. But Oman fails to comply with basic International Labor Organization (ILO) standards. In this trade agreement, the US also agrees not to restrict the ability of Omani companies to operate "landside aspects of port activities," which could result in Oman imposing trade sanctions if the US were to prohibit foreign companies from managing such operations --- like the Dubai Ports World deal.

» **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 5684; H.R. 5684 passed the House 221-205 (July 20, 2006)**

» **H.R. 9 - Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act**

This bipartisan bill reauthorizes for 25 years key provisions of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) that are set to expire in 2007. The expiring provisions include: Section 5, which requires jurisdictions with a history of discrimination in voting to get federal approval of any new voting practices or procedures; Section 203, which ensures that American citizens with limited English proficiency get the help they need at the polls; and Sections 6-9, which authorize the Attorney General to appoint federal election observers where there is discrimination. The bill contains provisions to address two recent Supreme Court decisions that have eroded the Act's effectiveness. [H.R. 9](#) was negotiated, drafted, and passed Committee in a bipartisan manner (33-1). This bill has the support of the Civil Rights Community, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.



⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 9; H.R. 9, passed the House 390-33 (July 13, 2006)**