



US Congressman  
**David Scott**  
Representing Georgia's 13th District



## 13th DISTRICT UPDATE

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#### TOP NEWS:

### **Congressman David Scott Leads Floor Debate Against VRA Amendment (June 29)**

Congressman David Scott took the House Floor to protest an amendment offered to the FY07 Science-State-Justice-Commerce spending bill to prevent funds to carry out any provision of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. Section 203 ensures that American citizens with limited English proficiency get the help they need at the polls. House Republican leaders delayed a scheduled vote on the voting rights extension bill in part because of opposition to Section 203. With the defeat of the amendment by a vote of 167-254, Congress must not delay any further in reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act.

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[\[Watch Congressman Scott speak out on the House Floor\]](#)

### **Congressman Scott Supports Growth at Clayton State University (June 27)**

U.S. Congressman David Scott (GA-13) announced that a federal award of \$300,000 has been approved for the development of an Archival Masters Degree Program at Clayton State University. The project was included in the bill funding the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2007.

"I am very pleased to share this great news given the record growth of students and academic opportunities at Clayton State University in recent years," Congressman Scott said.

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### **Congressman Scott Hosts Fort Gillem Redevelopment Meeting (June 5)**

Congressman David Scott gathered with local and federal leaders at Fort Gillem concerning future development plans for the military installation. Officials discussed keeping a military presence on the 1,400 acre post, having a permanent Homeland Security and FEMA presence, and turning more than 900 acres over to the city of Forest Park and Clayton County for redevelopment. Leaders planning the future redevelopment plans for Fort Gillem will next meet again in early August.

"We have an exciting opportunity to make Ft. Gillem a unique model for the rest of the nation as a result of the BRAC process: maintaining a strong military and homeland security presence for this region, while also providing excellent community development possibilities for Forest Park and Clayton County that will be beneficial to our military, national, and homeland security as well as the local economy," said Congressman Scott.

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## In Other News:

### Rep. Scott Pays Tribute to Tuskegee Airman Rudolph Berthoud

**June 21**

Rep. David Scott paid tribute to Mr. Rudolph Berthoud's legacy of service as a Tuskegee Airman.

"By honoring a man who so nobly served our nation abroad, in the face of discrimination at home and doubt in his equal ability, we are turning a page in history books yet written," stated Congressman Scott. "Mr. Berthoud remains a modest and humble man and is truly deserving of this honor. I join Fountain of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in saluting a national hero who calls the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Georgia home."

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### Scott Honors America's Veterans **May 26**

Congressman David Scott, co-chair of the Democratic Study Group on National Security, issued a statement honoring America's veterans including the following remarks:

"As we begin to go into this weekend to celebrate Memorial Day, it is most fitting that we take a moment to say a word about our soldiers, those who have fallen, who have given their lives in battle for the protection of this country and the enhancement of freedom around the world. And so it is with great pleasure and honor that I start this recognition off recognizing the great courage and work of our soldiers."

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### Congressman Scott Hosts Successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jobs Fair **May 12**

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) hosted the Second Annual 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Jobs Fair at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. This special event was hosted in conjunction with Comcast Cable, UPN Atlanta and CBS 46. More than 6,000 job seekers and 200 veterans interviewed with over 200 of the area's top employers.

"We were able to assist many able and willing workers today by helping them make direct contact with leading area businesses that are growing and looking to hire," said Congressman Scott.

Some of the participating companies included Lockheed-Martin, Comcast Cable, Home Depot, FedEx, Clayton County Public Schools, Douglas County, UPS, Sun Trust Bank, WellStar Health Systems, Georgia Power, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, City of Smyrna, MARTA, Coca Cola Enterprises, American Heart Association, and College Park Police Department.

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[\[See photos from the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jobs Fair\]](#)

### **NEW PHOTOS in Photo Gallery!**

• **Congressman David Scott hosts Fort Gillem Redevelopment Meeting - June 5, 10, 2006**

• **Congressman Scott Observes Memorial Day in Douglas County - May 29, 2006**

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## What's Happening in Congress?

### Currently on the House Floor

Keep track of the latest developments and votes on legislation being considered in the House.

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### Weekly House Schedule

Find out from the House Democratic Whip what bills and what amendments will be discussed on the House floor this week.

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### Weekly Senate Schedule

See what bills and what amendments will be discussed in the Senate this week, courtesy of the Senate's official website.

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## Legislative News:

### Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

⌘ **H.R. 4761 - Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act**

This bill combines elements of various proposals aimed at opening up new areas of the Outer Continental Shelf for oil and natural gas drilling. The bill would replace the current 200 mile federal moratorium on most offshore drilling for oil and natural gas with a new ban on oil and gas leases within 50 miles of the coastline, with several state options.

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST HR 4761; HR 4761 passed 232-187 (June 29, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 5672 - Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007**

This bill provides \$60.19 billion including: \$22.35 billion for Department of Justice; \$5.96 billion for Department of Commerce; \$9.78 billion for Department of State; \$16.7 billion for NASA; \$881 million for the SEC; \$323 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and \$211 million for the Federal Trade Commission.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 5672; H.R. 5672 passed the House 393-23 (June 29, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 4973 - Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act**

This bill combines elements of various proposals aimed at opening up new areas of the Outer Continental Shelf for oil and natural gas drilling. The bill would replace the current 200 mile federal moratorium on most offshore drilling for oil and natural gas with a new ban on oil and gas leases within 50 miles of the coastline, with several state options.

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST HR 4973; HR 4973 passed 416-4 (June 27, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 4890 - Legislative Line Item Veto Act**

This bill, which was reported by the Budget Committee on June 14, reflects several changes from the bill as introduced, and is intended to expand and expedite Executive rescission powers. Unlike similar versions considered and passed by the House of Representatives during the 1990s, this bill is not supported by a foundation of Pay-As-You-Go rules that helped provide budget discipline and is unlikely to have a large effect on the deficit. In addition, the bill gives the President expanded powers to cherry-pick items to package together for elimination.

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST HR 4890; HR 4890 passed 247-172 (June 22, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 5631 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007**

This bill provides \$427.61 billion for the Department of Defense, including \$50 billion in emergency spending for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Funding in this bill includes: \$84.92 billion for military personnel; \$120.54 billion for operation and maintenance programs; \$81.78 billion for procurement; and \$75.34 billion for research and development programs. H.R. 5631 also provides 2.2% pay increase for military personnel in FY07 elimination.

⌘ **DS voted FOR HR 5631; HR 5631 passed 407-19 (June 20, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 5576 - Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY07**

This bill provides \$139.7 billion: \$64.72 billion for the Department of Transportation including trust fund resources (\$15.15 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, \$37.62 billion for the Federal Highway Administration, \$8.93 billion for the Federal Transit Administration, and \$1.08 billion for the Federal Railroad Administration); \$11.55 billion for the Treasury Department (\$10.48 billion for the Internal Revenue Service); \$35.30 billion for Housing and Urban Development (\$15.77 billion for tenant-based rental assistance, \$5.47 billion for project-based rental assistance, \$4.2 billion for Community Development Fund); \$6.06 billion for the Judiciary (\$5.77 billion for the Courts of Appeals and District Courts, \$76 million for the Supreme Court); \$575 million for the District of Columbia; \$723 million for the Executive Office of the President (\$52 million for the White House salaries and expenses, \$76 million for the Office of Management and Budget, \$27 million for the Office of National Drug Control Policy); 17 million for the Election Assistance Commission; \$57 million for the Federal Election Commission; and \$109 million for the U.S. Postal Service.

⌘ **DS voted FOR HR 5576; HR 5576 passed 406-22 (June 14, 2006)**