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TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott and Clayton County Resident Team Up to Amend US Flag Code to Observe Father's Day June 4

Legislation authored by Congressman David Scott was signed by President Bush and became public law yesterday. H.R. 2356 amends the United States flag code to encourage the display of the American flag on Father's Day. Congressman Scott's legislation was written in response to a request from Clayton County constituent Arthur Hughes, who asked if the US Flag could be flown to recognize fathers.

"The American flag is one of the greatest symbols of our country. It is the representation of our freedom, values and heritage as a nation," Congressman Scott said. **"For many years, the list of occasions on which we're encouraged to fly the flag included Veteran's Day, President's Day, Columbus Day and Mother's Day, but not Father's Day. I am proud that our flag will now be flown to recognize those men who have a special role in all of our lives – our fathers."**

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Congressman Scott Applauds Governor Perdue for his Leadership and Endorsement of a Pilot Commuter Rail Line June 11

"I applaud Governor Perdue for taking this great step in leadership, which will not only help with our traffic congestion, but will also help give an important travel option at this time of high fuel prices," Congressman Scott said. **"This will also provide a much needed economic boost to the Clayton County region."**



Congressman Scott has played a key role in securing the \$106 million that is available for implementing the Macon to Atlanta commuter rail line, which will run through his district.

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Congressman Scott Votes to Reduce Public Transit Fares and Provide Affordable Alternatives to Consumers Pinched at the Pump June 26



Today, Congressman David Scott (GA-13) voted to pass the Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act (H.R. 6052). The bill provides mass transit grants over two years to reduce fares of public transit use, giving consumers a cost-effective alternative to \$4 per gallon gasoline. The bill also increases the Federal cost-share of grants for construction of additional transit parking facilities, creates a pilot program for vanpool demonstration projects in urban and rural areas

and increase federal help for local governments to purchase alternative fuel buses, locomotives and ferries.

“I, along with many of my Democratic colleagues, have been working hard in Washington, which is why I am proud to support H.R. 6052,” Congressman Scott said. **“In a time when Americans are pinched at the pump because of oil dependence, public transportation provides an affordable alternative to driving and saves the average household more than \$6,000 per year. This is money that can be used to offset the costs of higher priced groceries and everyday consumer items.”**

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Representative Scott Works with Fulton County to Improve Public Safety Training *June 30*

Today, Congressman David Scott toured the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center and Wolf Creek complex with Fulton County Vice Chairman William “Bill” Edwards.

The visit focused on the increasing importance of the role that local public safety resources play in providing homeland security. Congressman Scott took a first hand look at the resources available for training law enforcement and fire personnel at the facility. He also had a chance to engage local law enforcement and fire personnel to hear their concerns and vision for the facility.

“It is so important that we equip our local law enforcement and fire personnel with the tools and training necessary to always be ready to protect and serve our citizens,” said Congressman Scott. **“The staff at the Fulton County Public Training Center is doing a phenomenal job of preparing local public safety personnel and I will be working closely with them to identify additional resources that can assist and enable the facility to continue to provide top of the line training.”**

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In Other News:

5.2 Million Eligible Retirees and Veterans Can Still Receive a Stimulus Rebate

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued 76.1 million rebate checks totaling \$63.8 billion, and expects to issue 124 million payments by the end of the year. All but 5.2 million eligible retirees and veterans have received their rebates, to date. Many of these individuals do not normally file tax returns because their Social Security and VA benefits are non-taxable. If you are a retiree or veteran and have not filed a tax return, ***you can receive a stimulus rebate so long as you file a 1040A form by October 15.*** Based on how you file your tax return, you may receive \$300 if single, or \$600 if married. Filers will need to have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income, which may come

from a combination of earned income, nontaxable combat pay and certain benefit payments from Social Security, Veterans Affairs and Railroad Retirement. Receiving this rebate will in no way jeopardize receipt of other benefits, and so you should not hesitate to file your return as soon as possible. My office will continue to be a resource to you in filling out these forms. Please do not hesitate to contact my Jonesboro office at (770) 210-5073, or the Metro Atlanta IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center at (404) 338-7962 for more information.

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Congressman Scott will Host 4th Annual Health Fair: Saturday, August 16

Come out and join Congressman David Scott at the 4th Annual 13th Congressional District Health Fair. This free event is open to the public and will take place on Saturday, August 16 from 10 am to 2 pm at Mundy's Mill High School in Clayton County.

Congressman Scott is teaming up with leading area hospitals and health organizations to provide free health screenings including: cholesterol, blood pressure, dental, HIV, diabetes, vision, and many, many more! Attendees may also enroll on-site in various state and federal health assistance programs, sign-up for low cost mammograms, and donate blood.

Participants include Georgia Cancer Foundation, the American Heart Association, Southern Regional Health System, Grady Health System, West End Medical Center, AARP, AID Atlanta, American Red Cross, Social Security Administration, Department of Veteran's Affairs, Nanston Dental, Resurgens Orthopedics, Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, and many others!

For more information, including directions and a complete list of participants, call 770-432-5405 or go online to www.davidscott.house.gov.

Congressman Scott Tours Bulldog BioDiesel Facility in Ellenwood



Read about the Congressman's visit:

[Biodiesel factory makes fuel from chicken fat](#)

Local Grant Awards

The U.S. Department of Transportation

The Widen Lee Road bridge at I-20, GA grant is intended to fund the acquisition of right-of-way to reconstruct the Lee Road Interchange over I-20 and widen Lee Road from 1300 feet south of I-20 to Vulcan Drive.

- Douglas County, GA - \$452,760

The Department of Justice

The Victim Compensation Formula grant is intended to provide funds to enhance State victim compensation payments to eligible crime victims.

- *Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - \$4,557,000*

The U.S. Department of Education

The Directed Grants program is intended to provide funds to develop a Masters of Arts in Archives degree to serve the needs of the Southern States for professional archivists.

- *Clayton State University Foundation - \$310,479*

The Smaller Learning program is intended to provide funds for schools of Douglas County to link schools and community resources to help reduce the dropout rate and implement both social and academic interventions for at-risk students.

- *Douglas County School System - \$2,870,596*

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.

Current Proceedings

Weekly Senate Schedule

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

Senate Calendar

Legislative News:

Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

⌘ H.R. 5749 – Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act

Authorizes a state to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Labor under which the state agency will make emergency unemployment compensation payments to individuals who: (1) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under state or federal law with respect to a benefit year ending on or after May 1, 2007; (2) have no rights to regular compensation or extended compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other state or federal unemployment compensation law; and (3) are not receiving compensation for such week under the unemployment compensation law of Canada.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 5749; H.R. 5749 passed 274-137 (6-12-2008)**

⌘ H.R. 6275 – Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) increase and extend through 2008 the alternative minimum tax (AMT) exemption amounts; (2) extend through 2008 the offset of certain nonrefundable personal tax credits against regular and AMT tax liabilities; (3) treat net income and loss from an investment services partnership interest as ordinary income and loss; (4) deny major integrated oil companies a tax deduction for income attributable to domestic

production of oil, gas, or primary products thereof; (5) limit tax treaty benefits with respect to U.S. withholding of tax requirements imposed on certain tax deductible payments made directly to a foreign parent corporation; (6) require payment settlement entities to report certain identifying information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) relating to the settlement of payment card and third party network transactions; and (7) extend the applicability of the continuous levy for delinquent taxes on payments due to a vendor to property or services sold or leased to the federal government (currently, applicable to goods or services).

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 6275; H.R. 6275 passed 233-189 (6-25-2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 6377– Energy Markets Emergency Act**

Directs the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to utilize all its authority, including its emergency powers, to: (1) curb immediately the role of excessive speculation in any contract market within its jurisdiction and control on or through which energy futures or swaps are traded; and (2) eliminate excessive speculation, price distortion, sudden or unreasonable fluctuations or unwarranted changes in prices, or other unlawful activity that is causing major market disturbances that prevent the market from accurately reflecting the forces of supply and demand for energy commodities.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 6377; H.R. 6377 passed 402 - 19 (6-26-2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 6052 – Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act**

Authorizes appropriations for each of FY2008-FY2009 for public transportation formula grants for urbanized areas and for other areas. Authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make such grants for: (1) operating costs of equipment and facilities being used to provide the public transportation that the grant recipient is no longer able to pay as a result of reducing fares; and (2) operating and capital costs of equipment and facilities being used to provide transportation services that the recipient incurs as a result of expanding such services. Requires the federal share of the costs for such grants to be 100%.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 6052; H.R. 6052 passed 322 - 98 (6-26-2008)**



