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# 13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT UPDATE

### TOP NEWS:

#### **Congressman Scott Scores Big on Issues Affecting America's Middle-Class and Women *March 12***

Congressman David Scott was honored for his standing commitment to supporting middle-class Americans and American women through legislation. In recent months Americans have been faced with many challenges, some include a slowing economy and climbing education costs. In his fight to stand-up for American families, Congressman Scott has been recognized for his scorecard ratings on legislation affecting American women and middle-class families.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) released the *Congressional Voting Record for the 110th Congress, First Session Scorecard* recognizing Congressman Scott for his 100 percent voting rating in support of issues related to college affordability, expanding STEM education opportunities for women and girls, hate crimes prevention and pay equity. To view Congressman David Scott's voting record visit [AAUW Congressional Voting Record](#).

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (DMI) released *TheMiddleClass.org 2007 Congressional Scorecard* recognizing Congressman Scott for continually demonstrating a commitment to strengthening and expanding America's middle-class. Congressman Scott received An "A" voting rating in support of issues related to health care, college affordability, and the impact of free trade agreements. To view Congressman David Scott's voting record visit [www.TheMiddleClass.org](http://www.TheMiddleClass.org).

**"I truly appreciate the recognition given to me by both the American Association of University Women and the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy", said Scott. "I believe that being a Member of Congress is about connecting with people in order to represent them and their families on the House floor. I am honored to represent the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Georgia and will continue to vote for legislation that will improve the lives of my constituents."**

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#### **Scott Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Streamline Agent Licensing *March 14***

Today, Rep. David Scott (D-GA) and Rep. Geoff Davis (R-KY) introduced bipartisan legislation to reform the current system of insurance agent licensing. H.R. 5611, commonly referred to as National Association of Registered Agents & Brokers Reform Act (NARAB), would provide streamlined non-residential insurance agent and broker licensing, while preserving the market conduct rights of states and their authority to supervise agents and brokers. NARAB would also create reciprocity in producer licensing and assist policyholders by generating greater competition.

**"I along with my colleague, Congressman Geoff Davis, introduced NARAB to help reform and modernize a very important part of state insurance regulation:**

agent and broker licensing”, said Scott. **“This legislation is straight-forward and will most definitely benefit consumers through increased competition among agents and brokers, thus leading to greater consumer choice.”**

Representative Scott and Representative Davis were joined by several members of the House Financial Services Committee in support of this important legislation.

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### **Congressman Scott Awards Scholarships to District Artists *March 15***



Today, Congressman David Scott (GA-13) announced that he awarded \$37,000 in scholarships to the top winners of the 13<sup>th</sup> District’s Sixth Annual Congressional High School Art Competition. Congressman Scott honored these outstanding young people and their families during a special reception on Saturday at the Arts Clayton Gallery in Jonesboro.

**“Each year I continue to be amazed at the artistic talents of the students in my district. The pieces on display at this year’s competition were extraordinary. These students have such bright futures ahead of them. I also want to commend the families for their support, as we had a tremendous outpouring of family members and friends to come out and encourage all of the participants,”** said Congressman Scott. **“Our annual art competition presents a wonderful opportunity for our community to celebrate the talents of our gifted young artists who endeavor to succeed with focus and self-discipline. I am so proud to honor our top winners for their exceptional artistic achievements with scholarships, and I encourage all of this year’s participating student artists to continue to set high goals for themselves.”**

The Savannah College of Art and Design awarded a \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000/year) to the first place winner. The Art Institute of Atlanta presented certificates to attend any Community and Professional Education workshop to all winners, in addition to awarding the first place winner with a \$10,000 scholarship; second place, a \$5,000 scholarship; third place, a \$2,000 scholarship; and an honorable mention, certificate to attend any Community and Professional Education workshop.

This year’s top winners include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – “Rachel” by Rachel Ford, Hillgrove High School**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – “Old Downtown” by Andrew Sparks, Alexander High School**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Creative Tools” by Elisa Owens, Stockbridge High School**
- Honorable Mention – “Progression & Change” by Philip Hoffman, Campbell High School**

Students interested in participating in next year’s competition should contact Audra Braswell at 770-432-5405.

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## **Congressman Scott Speaks Out About the Future of Clayton County Students** *March 18*

Today, Rep. David Scott (D-GA) announced his commitment and continued support to assisting the students and concerned citizens of Clayton County in the wake of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) recent announcement to revoke the accreditation of the Clayton County School District, effective September 1, 2008. Congressman Scott responded to the recent announcement with the following statements:

**“Like everyone, I am concerned about this critical situation facing the Clayton County School System and I am committed to assisting all parties involved to help keep Clayton County schools accredited,”** said Rep. Scott. **“I am working to identify any and all ways in which I can assist Clayton County in order to prevent this disastrous step from occurring. I am also working with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor and the U.S. Department of Education to alert federal officials of this crisis. I recommend that all citizens of Clayton County make themselves aware of the nine mandates that must be met in order to retain accreditation outlined by SACS.”**

**“A loss of school accreditation will place the futures of more than 52,000 Clayton County students in jeopardy, throwing their plans for further education and employment into turmoil,”** stated Congressman Scott. **“Without accreditation, college-bound students once eligible for the HOPE scholarship, a state merit-based scholarship, will have their opportunities for a free college education taken away. Students work hard to maintain their eligibility for HOPE and they rely on HOPE and other scholarships like it to help bring down the financial burden of attending college. Additionally, the potential ramifications will also be devastating to parents and the broader community, as the loss of school accreditation will affect the county’s economic climate as well. We must take as many steps as possible to avoid the loss of accreditation.”**

The SACS decision, on March 15, 2008, to revoke the accreditation of the Clayton County School District would make Clayton County only the second school system in American history to fully lose accreditation.

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### **In Other News:**

#### **Congressman David Scott Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jobs Fair** *April 11*

Job seekers get ready for Georgia’s largest jobs fair! Join Congressman David Scott **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM** for his 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jobs Fair at the **Georgia International Convention Center in College Park.**

Top employers will be looking for you at Congressman Scott’s Jobs Fair. Companies like AT&T, AFLAC, UPS, Georgia Power, Lockheed Martin, Home Depot and many others will be interviewing on the spot.

Interested in a government career? Cobb, Fulton, Douglas, Clayton and DeKalb Counties along with the IRS and Social Security Administration are just a few of the employers looking for new people. Don’t miss it!

Last year more than 200 public and private employers were there! This year is expected to be even bigger!

If you’re looking for a new career, Congressman David Scott wants to see you at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Jobs Fair coming to the Georgia International

Convention Center in College Park.

Get your resume ready and dress for success.

For more information, call 770-210-5073.

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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. 1424 – Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act**

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act (PSHA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require group health plans to apply the same treatment limits on mental health or substance-related disorder benefits as they do for medical and surgical benefits (parity requirement). Extends such parity requirement to inpatient and outpatient services, whether in-network or out-of-network, and to emergency care services.

• **DS voted FOR H.R. 1424; H.R. 1424 passed 268-148 (3-05-2008)**

• **H.R. 2082 – Intelligence Authorization Act of 2008 Veto Override**

Would authorize appropriations for FY2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. In addition, this legislation would authorize the Director of National Intelligence to expend funds to address deficiencies or needs that arise in intelligence information access or sharing capabilities. Furthermore, H.R. 2082 would authorize funding for the \$43.5 billion national intelligence program and increase funding for priorities such as human spying and language training. The Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2008, was vetoed by the President.

• **DS voted YES to Overriding the President's Veto of H.R. 2082; This override attempt failed 225-188 (3-11-2008)**

• **H.Res. 895– Establishing Within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics**

Would establish the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) as an independent office within the House of Representatives. This office would be led by a panel of six board members appointed jointly by the House Speaker and the Minority Leader. In addition, this legislation requires public disclosure at key stages in the ethics process with reasonable timeframes for action. This office will bring greater accountability and transparency to ethics enforcement. It directly responds to the demands of the public, with assurances that credible allegations of wrongdoing will be examined by the Ethics

Committee.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.Res. 895; H.Res. 895 passed the House 229-182 (3-11-2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 3773– FISA Amendments Act**

Requires the administration to apply to the secret FISA court for a surveillance order permitting spying on a large number of foreign targets that might be communicating with people in the United States. The most contentious issue in this measure is the legal immunity for telecommunications companies, which is part of the Senate version of this legislation. The House version of this bill does not include any form of immunity however it provides the administration all the tools it needs to defend the United States against terrorist attacks.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 3773; H.R. 3773 passed the House 213-197 (3-14-2008)**



