



April 2017 Newsletter

The 2017 legislative session is now behind us. Many important bills passed; and others did not move forward. This is the first year of the two year biennial. All bills remain active for the 2018 session as well. We will be working hard the remainder of the year preparing, holding study and standing committee meetings as well as providing ongoing constituent services.

Spring is in the air along with the pollen! I enjoy maintaining a nice yard and am praying for good weather so my grass flourishes this year along with other landscaping. I truly enjoy the outdoors. Ryan and I took a nice vacation to the west coast and enjoyed the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. The library is an outstanding and a fitting tribute to one of our greatest Americans and Presidents. Will and his girlfriend Gabby have spent some quality time with us and attended the UNG Military Ball. We are so thankful to have them in our lives. Kari is enjoying returning to the tennis courts and having me home for dinner now that session is done.



2017 Bill Status

I was proud to sponsor and cosponsor many important bills this year focusing on serving families, job creators, military, public safety and education. One bill I sponsored and passed will create a study committee to put a ROI (return on investment) on every tax credit and incentive the state offers.

There are thousands of bills and resolutions each year. It would be impossible to mention them all, however I review many in my legislative session weekly updates.

View weekly legislative updates here: [UPDATES](#)

You can search all legislation by name, number, keyword or sponsor here: [GGA Website](#)



I-85 Progress & Options

Like many of you, I was stunned to watch the fire and collapse of I-85. This will cause a significant traffic problem until the repairs are completed. Each of us can help by altering our schedules and mode of transportation.

The Georgia Department of Transportation plans to have the Interstate 85 bridge near Piedmont Road in Atlanta rebuilt by June 15, 2017.

Maps for detours and other helpful information can be found at: [Georgia DOT](http://www.gdot.com)



Honor Air 2017

Please note the morning time change to 5:30 am.
Your two great opportunities to serve our veterans:

Tuesday, 4/11 @ 5:30 am - Woodstock Rd/Canton St. Meet by the fire engines and prepare to cheer when the buses pass. Bring a flag if you have one. Give them a heroes departure!

Tuesday, 4/11 @ 9:15 pm - Roswell Area Park, 10495 Woodstock Rd, Roswell. We need another large crowd to welcome and celebrate our veterans. Come ready to cheer and welcome our heroes home. Bring a flag if you have one.



April 18 Election & Endorsement

On April 18th we will go to the polls to fill the sixth congressional seat vacated by now Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price. There is a crowded field with many very qualified candidates. If you live in Roswell or Johns Creek, you will also have an election for city council. Please learn about the issues and candidates and let your voice be heard at the polls.

I have endorsed Dan Moody's campaign for Congress in Georgia's 6th Congressional District. I have known and admired Dan for many years. He has been a mentor to me, a leader for our state and will be the Congressman we need. I have long admired his accomplishments, especially serving families, first responders, military personnel and small businesses.

Dan was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2002. He was known for taking on the hard jobs no one else wanted and helped deliver on the promises made by the GOP in its historic takeover of state government. A strong believer in term limits, Dan led by example. He chose to leave office in 2010 and has since become a champion for small business leadership and growth across Georgia.





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