



Holiday 2016 Newsletter

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year! My colleagues and I gathered in Athens for the University of Georgia Biennial earlier this month to prepare for the 154th Legislative Session. We return to your Georgia Capitol on Monday, January 9, 2017 to be sworn in for the next term. I am working diligently to prepare and best serve you.

The Albers family loves the Christmas season. Our home is decorated, presents are under the tree and music is playing. We are counting our blessings as we wind down 2016. Will & Ryan are doing well in school, work and extracurricular activities. Kari and I are looking forward to a wonderful 2017!



Come Tour the Capitol with John

The Georgia Capitol is a beautiful, historic building first opened in 1889 in downtown Atlanta. Each year it is decorated for Christmas with a large tree in the rotunda.

I would love to provide a personal tour for you and your family (kids are very welcome). There is no school and many people are vacationing on Friday, 12/23. This is an annual event and everyone has a great time.

Please click here to: [**RSVP for the 12/23 Capitol Tour**](#) or call (404)463-8055.

Jenny will respond with the time and logistics. I am looking forward to seeing you.



Big Decision

Let me begin by congratulating Tom Price on being nominated as the Secretary of Health and Human Services. I am confident he will do a superb job and thankful for his continued service to our nation. This appointment will open the 6th US Congressional seat for a special election.

The past few weeks have been very exciting as I have been humbled and overwhelmed by all the calls, texts and messages of encouragement to run for Congress. I have spent considerable time prayerfully considering this important decision. For those who know me well, I rely on heavily on my faith and put my family first.

In 2009, I decided to run for the Georgia Senate with a mission to make a meaningful impact to families; and with an army of supporters, I won the election in 2010. During my tenure, I have accomplished much with passing numerous important pieces of legislation and serving thousands of constituents. I take great pride in being responsive and providing the best customer service possible. I have also been successful balancing my family and business interests during my time in office. I was re-elected in November to continue my service in the Georgia Senate; and I am grateful for your continued vote and support.

Ultimately after much prayer and insight, I have decided to choose my family without any regrets. My younger son Ryan just started high school and my role as father and husband are the most important titles a person can hold. I will continue to work hard and serve you in the Georgia Senate. While now is not my time, I will continue to look forward at future opportunities to serve my state and country.

Thank you again for believing in me and for the overwhelming encouragement and support. I am honored to serve you in the Georgia State Senate.

Helping Special Needs Children

I was thrilled to help celebrate the grand opening of Early Autism Project's new state-of-the-art Atlantadinic located in the Dunwoody. In 2015, I was fortunate to play a key role in the passing of Ava's Law, which made Georgia the 41st state to provide insurance for children six years and younger with autism. We worked hard to pass Ava's Law to ensure children with autism throughout Georgia have access to life-changing therapy in the home and in clinics like the one pictured. Providing ABA therapy to children with autism is an important investment in their futures and the future of our community because early intervention helps children become more independent and dramatically reduces the cost of lifelong care and most importantly helps children and their families.



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