



## January 2016 Newsletter

Happy New Year! This morning at 10:00 am the second year of the 153rd Georgia General Assembly will be called to order. Anytime during the legislative session, you can watch us live at: <http://www.gpb.org/lawmakers/senate> or attend personally in the gallery. The Georgia Senate has been hard at work and I am very optimistic and believe 2016 will be an excellent year for Georgia!

The Albers family is back in full swing with the boys back to school and vacation time in the rear view mirror. We were able to spend treasured time with family and friends in December. This is the last year of middle school for Ryan. It is hard to imagine our youngest will be in high school this coming August and Will turns 21 this coming October.



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### Food Drive Challenge

Sen. P.K. Martin and I encouraged fans from high schools in our districts to bring as many non-perishable food items as they could to the Roswell-Grayson High School Football Playoff game last month as part of a friendly food drive competition.

The stakes of the bet were simple: whichever high school won the game won the bet. The losing senator had to wear the other team's jersey while delivering the donated food and had to contribute an additional \$250.

In the end, I won the drive and chose to donate the proceeds to North Fulton Community



Charities. In honor of the Roswell Hornets and for Sen. Martin being a good sport, I also matched the \$250 donation.

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## My Legislative Priorities

My legislative priorities for 2016 encompass four main themes: job growth, protecting Georgians, alleviating traffic congestion and helping those who serve in uniform. Specifically, I will introduce the "Protecting Georgia Small Business Act" to prevent the recent NLRB ruling from hurting our small businesses by enacting overreaching federal rules for franchisers. I believe one of the solutions to our traffic congestion is timing and working with businesses, schools and employers to allow for less volume during rush hours. I have been working all year and authored the "Georgia Personal Data Security Act" to help provide a safeguard for identity theft and proper notice to consumers. I also have been working on SB 77 to collect DNA from serious felons when they are arrested to connect criminals to other crimes and exonerate the innocent. Last, but certainly not least is SB 29, which will allow first responders to have presumptive care for occupational related diseases. I will continue to work tirelessly to support Georgia's families and businesses.



## Town Hall Meeting

A government of the people, by the people and for the people needs to hear from the people! Please join me with your family as I provide an update of the 2016 legislative session and then focus on your questions and ideas.

**Saturday, 2/6 @ 10:30 am**  
**Roswell City Hall**



## Serving Others

Last month, my family joined me as I traded in my suit and tie for my firefighter uniform; and we were able to serve with a tremendous team of people to see a true expression of Christmas. There are many organizations to help those in need especially during Christmas. However, sometimes as kids get older, they can fall through the cracks. This was the case for 28 students and families. My friend Becky sprang into action, contacting many of us to help. A small army of people came

together and in record time raised funds, worked directly with Walmart to obtain food, coordinated logistics and had 20 police officers and firefighters participate in "Shop with a Hero". People like Brian, Tamla, Jamie, Bethany, Holly, Rusty, Ricky, Shanetta and Michael define a community at moments like these. The joy in these kids' hearts at the opportunity to have a great Christmas with a couple of presents and basic necessities was humbling and gave me pause of the things we easily take for granted. My fellow firefighters and police officers spent personal time on a Sunday morning to once again serve others, taking time away from their own families and jobs. Thank you everyone!



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