



US Congressman

David Scott

Representing Georgia's 13th District



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Congressman David Scott to Host Annual Health Fair!

Congressman David Scott will convene the 13th Congressional District's Second Annual Health Fair on **Saturday, August 19, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This event will take place at Mundy's Mill High School in Jonesboro, located off Tara Boulevard, approximately 2.5 miles south of the Highway 138 and Tara Boulevard intersection, at 9652 Fayetteville Road.

A diverse selection of **free health screenings**, cooking, CPR and fitness demonstrations, and information about important health issues will be offered. Hear from Congressman Scott and special guest speakers including renowned actress and healthcare advocate **Ruby Dee**.



Additionally, attendees of the Health Fair can participate in a blood drive and enroll on site in health assistance programs like Medicare, Medicaid, PeachCare, prescription drug assistance, and other services for the uninsured.

[\[Get More Info and List of Confirmed Providers and see video footage of Congressman Scott's First Annual Health Fair!\]](#)

***Updated* Congressmen Scott, Lewis Led Campaign to Reauthorize the Voting Rights Act (July 26)**

Congressman David Scott continued his campaign with Congressman John Lewis to win bipartisan and bicameral passage of H.R. 9, the Voting Rights Reauthorization Act. H.R. 9 reauthorizes for 25 years key provisions of the Voting Rights Act that are set to expire in 2007. President Bush signed the bill into law during a White House ceremony on Thursday, July 27.

Beginning in October 2005, Congressman Scott attended and participated in all ten Congressional hearings held to examine the impact and effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. The hearings were held in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and laid the foundation for legislation to extend the Voting Rights Act for another 25 years - H.R. 9.

"Congressman Lewis and I defeated at every turn Republican attempts to thwart the progress of the Voting Rights Act with malicious amendments offered by two of Georgia's very own Members of Congress. We waged a successful and focused campaign to honor the legacy of all who died in the struggle for civil rights and to renew America's commitment to eliminate barriers to the right to vote," said Scott.

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In Other News:

Rep. Scott Applauds Passage of Airline Pension Bill (July 28)

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) praised passage of H.R. 4, the Pension Protection Act, which includes airline pension relief. Passage of the Pension Protection Act provides for long-needed pension relief for defined benefit plans used by mature industries such as auto manufacturers. Congressman Scott has worked across party lines to ensure that Delta, the largest private employer in the 13th District, receives relief on its pension payment plan. The measure passed the House by 279-131.

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GAO Report: No Real Changes in Diversity of the Financial Services Industry in 10 Years

On July 12, Democratic Members of the House Financial Services Committee reacted with disappointment over new findings released by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) which show little increase in diversity of the financial services industry over the last 10 years.

Congressman David Scott said, "As an entrepreneur who attended the Wharton School of Finance, I understand the unique challenges facing minorities in financial services businesses. The GAO study clearly shows that recruitment and retention of minorities in the financial services sector does not reflect overall population numbers. More must be done to open the doors of opportunity to the rest of America.

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NEW PHOTOS in Photo Gallery!

⌘ **Congressman David Scott welcomes Myrna White, the newly named Public Affairs Director of Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, to Washington- July 17, 2006**

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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. 4411 – Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act**

The legislation expressly exempts (1) interstate Internet betting on horse racing; (2) intra-state Internet betting on lotteries; (3) intra-tribal Internet betting; and (4) various other forms of intra-state Internet betting. At the same time, the bill prohibits (1) Internet betting on dog racing; (2) Internet betting on jai alai; (3) interstate Internet betting on lotteries; and (4) Internet betting on casino games.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4411; H.R. 4411 passed the House by a 317-93 vote (July 11, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 2990 - Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act**

This bill amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to define a credit rating agency as any person: (1) engaged in the business of issuing credit ratings on the Internet or through another readily accessible means, for free or for a reasonable fee; (2) employing either a quantitative or qualitative model, or both, to determine credit ratings; and (3) receiving fees from either issuers, investors, or other market participants, or a combination of them

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 2990; H.R. 2990 passed the House by 255-166 (July 12, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 9 - Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act**

This bipartisan bill reauthorizes for 25 years key provisions of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) that are set to expire in 2007. The expiring provisions include: Section 5, which requires jurisdictions with a history of discrimination in voting to get federal approval of any new voting practices or procedures; Section 203, which ensures that American citizens with limited English proficiency get the help they need at the polls; and Sections 6-9, which authorize the Attorney General to appoint federal election observers where there is discrimination. The bill contains provisions to address two recent Supreme Court decisions that have eroded the Act's effectiveness. H.R. 9 was negotiated, drafted, and passed Committee in a bipartisan manner (33-1). This bill has the support of the Civil Rights Community, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 9; H.R. 9, passed the House 390-33 (July 13, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 2389 – Pledge Protection Act**

This legislation would amend the federal judicial code to deny jurisdiction to any federal court, and appellate jurisdiction to the Supreme Court, to hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance or its validity under the Constitution. Makes this limitation inapplicable to: (1) any court established by Congress under its power to make needful rules and regulations respecting the territory of the United States; or (2) the Superior Court of the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2389; H.R. 2389 passed the House 260-167 (July 19, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 5684 - To implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement**

This bill implements the trade agreement signed by the United States and Oman and would reduce most tariffs on items traded between the two countries. But Oman fails to comply with basic International Labor Organization (ILO) standards such as: 1) the lack of existence of real labor unions and 2) the lack of laws that prohibit employers from confiscating foreign workers' documents, which enables human trafficking and forced labor conditions. In this trade agreement, the US also agrees not to restrict the ability of Omani companies to operate "landside aspects of port activities," which could result in Oman imposing trade sanctions if the US were to prohibit foreign companies from managing such operations --- like the Dubai Ports World deal.

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 5684; H.R. 5684 passed the House 221-205 (July 20, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 5682 - United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act**

This bill is the first step of a two-step process to establish a civilian nuclear cooperation agreement between the U.S. and India. This bill authorizes waivers to key provisions of the Atomic Energy Act once the President sends a determination to Congress; and provides that Congress must pass a joint resolution of approval in order for the nuclear cooperation agreement to be implemented.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 5682; H.R. 5682 passed the House 359-68 (July 26, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 4157 - Better Health Information System Act**

This bill codifies an office in the Department of Health and Human Services to focus on Health Information Technology (HIT) and tasks it with the development and adoption of standards that will allow providers, health plans, the government and others to communicate with each other. H.R. 4157 falls short on providing meaningful funding for physicians, hospitals and other providers to invest in health information technology - it only authorizes \$40 million over two years to a select group of providers. Instead of direct funding, the bill loosens current fraud and abuse laws to allow hospitals, group practices, prescription drug plan sponsors, and Medicare Advantage organizations and anyone else after 2001 to give free health information technology, maintenance, service, training and more to other providers. These anti-fraud laws protect Medicare and Medicaid as well as patients against biased decision-making by doctors, and ensure that doctors are not referring patients to a specific hospital or other provider because of free gifts they are receiving.

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 4157; H.R. 4157 passed the House 270-148 (July 27, 2006)**

⌘ **H.R. 4 - Pension Protection Act**

This bill amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to repeal existing funding rules and to establish new minimum funding standards for single-employer defined benefit pension plans. HR 4 sets forth special rules for plans at risk of terminating because they are underfunded and sponsored by firms that are financially weak, as determined by bond ratings.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4; H.R. 4 passed the House 270-131 (July 28, 2006)**