

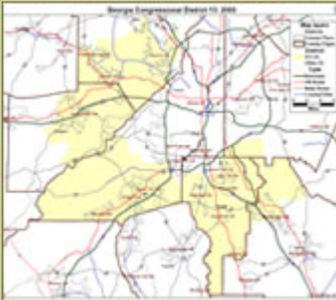


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13th DISTRICT UPDATE

TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott Awards Scholarships to Student Artists *March 14*



(From l-r: Tawanna Webster, Megan Pitts, Erik Abarca, Ashley Belen Scheren, Nicole Ghraizi, Anthony Lee)

Recently, Congressman David Scott (GA-13) announced awards for more than \$23,000 in scholarships to the top winners of the 13th District's Seventh Annual Congressional High School Art Competition. Congressman Scott honored these outstanding young people and their families during a special reception at the Arts Clayton Gallery in Jonesboro.

The Savannah College of Art and Design awarded a \$6,000 scholarship (\$1,500/year) to the first place winner. The Art Institute of Atlanta awarded the first place winner with a \$10,000 scholarship; second place, a \$5,000 scholarship; and third place, a \$2,500 scholarship.

This year's top winners include:

- 1st – **"The Closet"** by **Tawanna Webster**, Stockbridge High School
- 2nd – **"When Life Gives You Lemons"** by **Megan Pitts**, Stockbridge High School
- 3rd – **"Bald Eagle"** by **Erik Abarca**, Lithia Springs High School
- 4th – **"Bumble Bee"** by **Ashley Belen Scheren**, Creekside High School
- Honorable Mention – **"Creation"** by **Nicole Ghraizi**, Mt. Zion High School
- Honorable Mention – **"Impossible is Nothing"** by **Anthony Lee**, Hope Christian Academy

[Click here](#) to view photos from the reception.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Annual High School Art Competition.

Representative Scott Supports the Making Work Pay Tax Cut
Relief for America's Working Families *March 31*

Americans are facing the most severe economic and financial hardships that this country has seen in generations. Tragically, much of the damage has fallen on hardworking middle class workers. To help Main Street families get back on their feet, President Obama signed the **Making Work Pay tax credit** into law in February. As a result, many families across the country are seeing more money in their paychecks. *Additionally, IRS guidance requests that by April 1st all employers must have instituted the lower withholdings for their employees.*

“The Making Work Pay tax credit is yet another piece of our commitment to helping Americans face the current economic crisis,” said Rep. Scott. **“This legislation will help to keep much needed money in the paychecks of workers who are struggling to pay their bills each week. We have already seen significant results from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act with saved jobs; however, as workers begin to see more money in their checks they will immediately notice the impact of the Recovery Act.”**

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Scott Scores Big on Issues Affecting America's Middle-Class *March 20*

A handwritten 'A+' grade in dark ink, with the 'A' being significantly larger than the '+', symbolizing a high score or approval.

Recently, Congressman David Scott was honored for his standing commitment to supporting middle-class Americans through legislation. In recent months Americans have been faced with many challenges, including a slowing economy and climbing education costs. In his fight to stand-up for American families, Congressman Scott has received an “A” scorecard rating for consistently voting in favor of legislation that matters most to America’s middle-class families.

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (DMI) released *TheMiddleClass.org 2008 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.

“I truly appreciate being recognized by the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy for my commitment to America’s middle-class families. 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 13th Congressional District of Georgia and will continue to vote for legislation that will improve the lives of my constituents.”

Rep. Scott Announces \$250 Recovery Payments for Social Security, SSI, VA and Railroad Retirement Board Beneficiaries in May *March 26*



Representative David Scott announces that the federal government will begin sending one-time \$250 economic recovery payments in May 2009 to people receiving *Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits*. The economic recovery payments are funded by President Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and provide a one-time payment to adult beneficiaries, except those receiving Medicaid in care facilities.

To receive the payment, individuals must have been eligible for these benefits during

the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009. There is no action required to get the payment, which will be sent separately from the person's regular monthly payment. Additionally, if someone receives Social Security and SSI, VA or RRB benefits, he or she will receive only one \$250 payment. *Individuals should not contact the agencies unless a payment is not received by June 4, 2009.*

For more information about the one-time economic recovery payment, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/payment. To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, go to www.recovery.gov.

In Other News:

Congressman Scott Announces \$16 Million for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects in the 13th Congressional District

Representative David Scott announced that federal grants totaling over \$16 million will be awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy to local governments in the 13th District. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program (EECBG), funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, provides formula grants used to assist states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

Grant funds awarded to local governments in the 13th District include:

- **Clayton County** \$2,545,900
- **Cobb County** \$5,288,500
- **Dekalb County** \$6,511,600
- **Fulton County** \$814,300
- **Henry County** \$751,000
- **City of Marietta** \$785,500
- **City of Smyrna** \$208,000

For more details on the EECBG program and funding, please visit www.energy.gov/recovery. To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, visit www.recovery.gov.

Representative Scott Responds to AIG Granting Executive Bonuses

"Like most Americans, I am outraged that AIG asked for Government assistance to stay afloat and then turned around and enriched several executives with bonuses. What about the employees of other companies like Delta that had to take pay cuts to help the company survive? Where is the culture of responsibility and shared sacrifice? Tomorrow, I am going to ask the CEO of AIG to return the bonuses back to the taxpayers."

Congressman Scott Reminds Constituents to Get Ready for the Nationwide Transition to Digital Television- June 12, 2009



With the nationwide transition to digital television just months away, Rep. Scott reminds constituents that on **Friday, June 12, 2009** analog television sets that receive signals over the air, and not from cable or satellite, will need a digital-to-analog converter box to display digital signals.

For more information on the digital television transition visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 770-210-5073.

The TV Converter Box Coupon Program is now accepting coupon replacement requests. [Click here](#) for more information.

Local Grant Awards

Recovery Act: New Access Point for Health Centers

- *Palmetto Health Council, Inc.* - \$1,069,096

Operations and Safety

- *Smyrna Fire Department* - \$144,000

What's Happening in Congress?

Currently on the House Floor

Keep track of the latest developments and votes on legislation being considered in the House.

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Weekly Senate Schedule

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. 1106 – Helping Families Save Their Homes Act**

Amends federal bankruptcy law governing a Chapter 13 debtor (adjustment of debts of an individual with regular income) to exclude from the computation of debts the secured or unsecured portions of: (1) debts secured by the debtor's principal residence if the value of the residence is less than the applicable maximum amount of noncontingent, liquidated, secured debts; or (2) debts secured or formerly secured by the debtor's principal residence that was either sold in foreclosure or surrendered to the creditor if the property's value was less than the applicable maximum amount of noncontingent, liquidated, secured debts. Applies the credit counseling requirement to a Chapter 13 debtor who certifies receipt of notice that the holder of a claim secured by the debtor's principal residence may commence a foreclosure on it. Allows such a debtor to satisfy the requirement within 30 days after filing a petition for relief from debt. (Currently the requirement must be satisfied within 180 days before the filing of a petition.)

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 1106; H.R. 1106 passed 234-191 (3/5/09)**

⌘ **H.R. 1388 – Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act**

More than triple the number of volunteers serving in this country from 75,000 to 250,000 and establish four new service corps: a Clean Energy Corps to increase energy efficiency and conservation, an Education Corps to help increase student engagement, achievement and graduation, a Healthy Futures Corps to help improve health care access, and a Veterans Service Corps to enhance services for veterans. These 175,000 new volunteer opportunities will expand current AmeriCorps programs and provide members for these four new service corps. Increase the education award service members receive in exchange for their contributions to \$5,350 for next year, the same as the maximum Pell Grant scholarship. The award will also be permanently linked to match any future increases in the Pell Grant; Create new opportunities for older Americans and retirees and allows them to transfer their education awards – up to \$1,000 for at least 350 hours of service – to a child, foster child or grandchild; Establish a new Summer of Service program to engage middle and high school

students in service and allows them to earn a \$500 education award to put toward college; Double the resources available to engage youth with disabilities in service; Strengthen disaster relief efforts and establish an alumni corps of former service participants who can help respond during natural disasters and other emergencies; Bolster students' education by establishing service-learning opportunities that use real world service activities to teach students about a certain topic; and Establishes a call to service campaign that encourages Americans to volunteer and observe September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 1388; H.R. 1388 passed 275-149 (3/31/09)**

⌘ **H.R. 146 – Omnibus Public Lands Bill**

H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, is a collection of 164 public land bills that were reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the last Congress for which there had not been unanimous consent. This bill represents the largest public land protection attempt in approximately 15 years, and the largest increase of wilderness acreage in over 25 years. The legislation protects two million acres of wilderness in nine states and a thousand miles of rivers, amounting to a 50 percent increase in the wild and scenic river system. H.R. 146 establishes new trails, national parks and a new national monument and provides legal status for the National Landscape Conservation System, which will protect some of our country's most incredible landscapes.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 146; H.R. 146 passed 285-140 (3/25/09)**

⌘ **H.R. 20 – Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom's Opportunity to Access Health, Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act**

Encourages the Secretary of Health and Human Services to continue: (1) activities on postpartum depression; and (2) research to expand the understanding of the causes of, and treatments for, postpartum conditions. Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary to make grants for projects for the establishment, operation, and coordination of effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of essential services to individuals with a postpartum condition and their families. Directs the Secretary to ensure that such projects provide education and services with respect to the diagnosis and management of postpartum conditions. Authorizes such projects to include: (1) delivering or enhancing outpatient home-based health and support services; and (2) providing education to new mothers and their families about postpartum conditions to promote earlier diagnosis and treatment. Sets forth grant requirements.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 20; H.R. 20 passed 391-8 (3/30/09)**



