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TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott to Host 3rd Annual Jobs Fair! May 11

Congressman David Scott is proud to host his Third Annual Thirteenth Congressional District Jobs Fair on Friday, May 11th. The Jobs Fair will bring together Georgia's top employers from the public and private sector including: CSX Transportation, Comcast Cable, Henry Medical Center, CDC, Home Depot, SunTrust Bank, Lockheed Martin, Cobb County, the city of Douglasville and many others.

The Jobs Fair will take place at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. Job candidates will have the opportunity to be matched up for interviews right on the spot! Last year more than 1,005 job seekers secured jobs at Congressman Scott's Jobs Fair.

[Get More Info and List of Confirmed Employers!]

[See photos of the Second Annual Jobs Fair!]
[Watch video from the Second Annual Jobs Fair!]

Scott Recognizes National Minority Health Month April 30

"It is no secret that access to healthcare is one of the most important issues facing our country today. Throughout my years in public service, from the Georgia legislature to the U.S. House of Representatives, I have made it one of my main objectives to ensure and promote the health and well-being of my fellow Georgians, especially those populations who have been hardest hit by the gap in access to services and increasing disparities in care.

"As we observe National Minority Health Month, I believe it is of utmost importance that Congress continues to work together towards improved healthcare for all Americans, with an added focus on these communities and the disparities that continue to exist."

[Get More Info!]

In Other News:

Scott Urges Final Passage of Iraq Supplemental Bill April 25

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) made an urgent plea on the House Floor in support of the Conference Report on H.R. 1591, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act, which passed by a 218-208 vote.

"Mr. Speaker, you know, it's hard for me to even sit here and hear the other side talk about this, because they are missing the point. This is about our soldiers. If you care about our soldiers, you will vote for this supplemental."

[Get More Info!]

Financial Services Committee Holds Hearing on "Possible Responses to Rising Mortgage Foreclosures" *April 17*

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) participated in the Financial Services Committee

hearing to explore responses to rising foreclosures and their devastating effects on families, communities and financial institutions. U.S. foreclosures rose some 45% in January compared with a year ago. The greater Atlanta area had the highest number of foreclosures nationally (nearly 64,000) in 2006.

Congressman Scott registered concern with lenders who unfairly target minorities for subprime mortgages, which are loans that have more costly terms than "prime" mortgages and have particularly contributed to rising foreclosure rates. Scott also identified the critical need for financial literacy to help at-risk consumers keep their homes and empower future homebuyers.

To address this problem in Georgia, the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Atlanta (CCCS) recently joined with the Fannie Mae Foundation, Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF), NeighborWorks® America and United Way of Metro Atlanta. Homeowners facing foreclosure can connect with counselors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-888-995-HOPE (4673).

Scott Hosts Town Hall Meetings in Clayton County *April 14*

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) hosted two Town Hall Meetings on Saturday, April 14, 2007 to hear directly from constituents. Residents from throughout the district were invited to attend the meetings at Pointe South Middle School in Jonesboro and Lovejoy High School in Hampton.



During the Town Hall Meetings, Congressman Scott answered questions on a number of issues including assistance for veterans, reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, immigration, the war in Iraq, jobs and the economy. Congressman Scott's District Staff also provided information about youth scholarship opportunities and their upcoming Jobs Fair on May 11th and Health Fair, August 18th.

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Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

H.R. 1591 Conference Report - U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act

The bill would provide \$124.2 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, improving health services for returning soldiers and veterans, continued Hurricane Katrina recovery for the Gulf Coast, and more than \$650 million for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that supports Peachcare in Georgia.

DS voted FOR HR 1591; HR 1591 passed 218-208 (4-25-07)

H.R. 1332 - Small Business Lending Improvements Act

The bill would reduce burdensome borrower and lender fees on SBA 7(a) loans, create an initiative to reduce borrower and lender fees to doctors and dentists located in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas, and provide a simplified standard for determining small business loan eligibility.

B DS voted FOR HR 1332; HR 1332 passed 380-45 (4-25-07)

B. H.R. 363 - Sowing Seeds Through Science & Engineering Act

The bill would help secure the nation's competitive edge by supporting high-risk/high-reward scientific research. HR 363 would administer awards to outstanding early-career researchers in academia and nonprofit research organizations, provide graduate research assistantships in areas of national need, and establish a national coordination office to prioritize university and national research infrastructure needs.

B DS voted FOR HR 363; HR 363 passed 397-20 (4-24-07)

B. H.R. 1257 - Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act

This bill would require that public companies ensure that shareholders have an annual nonbinding advisory vote on their company's executive compensation plans.

DS voted FOR HR 1257; HR 1257 passed the House 269-134 (4-20-07)

B. H.R. 1905 - District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act

This bill would consider the District of Columbia a congressional district for purposes of representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, giving more than 500,000 D.C. residents a voting representative in Congress.

B DS voted FOR HR 1905; HR 1905 passed 241-177 (4-19-07)

H.R. 1361 - RECOVER (Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery) Act

This bill amends the Small Business Act to, among other things, direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive written disaster response plan, and to maintain a disaster reserve corps.

DS voted FOR H.R. 1361, which passed the House 267-158 (4-18-07)

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