



US Congressman  
**David Scott**  
 Representing Georgia's 13th District



# 13th DISTRICT UPDATE

## NewsLETTER

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## David's SCHEDULE

**Friday, May 12, 2006**

Congressman Scott to Host 2nd Annual Jobs Fair

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**Saturday, May 27, 2006**

Keynote Speaker - Mundy's Mill HS 2006 Graduation

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## 13th DISTRICT



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## Special FEATURES



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### TOP NEWS:

#### **Congressman Scott to Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jobs Fair! May 12**

Congressman David Scott is proud to host his Second Annual Thirteenth Congressional District Jobs Fair. The Jobs Fair will bring together Georgia's top employers from the public and private sector. This event will take place at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park right off the I-85 and I-285 Camp Creek Parkway exits near the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Job candidates will have the opportunity to be matched up for interviews right there on the spot!

**[Get More Info and List of Confirmed Employers!]**

**[See photos of the First Annual Jobs Fair!]**

**[Watch video from the First Annual Jobs Fair!]**

#### **Scott Announces Funds for Clayton State University**

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) announced that Clayton State University will receive grants totaling \$131,975 from the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program. Clayton State University will utilize the funds for dual seminars on cultural diversity and sensitivity that will culminate with travel by 15 teachers to South Africa or Malaysia and Singapore.

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#### **Congressman Scott, House Agriculture Committee Hear From Georgia Farmers**

Congressman David Scott (GA-13) and members of the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management convened a field hearing in Valdosta, Georgia to review federal commodity programs. This is the Subcommittee's first in a series of hearings to review various aspects of the 2002 Farm Bill which is set to expire in September 2007. Ten Members attended today's hearing and heard from one panel of witnesses about a variety of farm policy issues including commodity programs, export markets, market access, and crop insurance.

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### In Other News:

#### **Congressman Scott Honors Military Academy Students**

Congressman David Scott (GA-13) announced the nomination of sixteen area students to each of the nation's four Military Academies. Congressman Scott honored these outstanding young people and their families during a special reception in his Jonesboro District Office.

"I am very proud of these young men and women. Appointment to a military academy demands exceptional academic achievement, character and leadership. Without question, each of these students possesses these qualities," said Congressman Scott.

"These students are outstanding young Americans who proudly reflect the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's commitment to education and service."

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[\[See photos from Congressman Scott's Military Academy Reception\]](#)

### **Congressman Scott Awards Scholarships to Local Student Artists**

Congressman David Scott announced the selection of 3 area student artists to receive scholarship awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 through the 13th District's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional High School Art Competition. The Art Institute of Atlanta presented the first prize winner with a \$10,000 scholarship, the second prize--a \$5000 scholarship, and the third prize--a \$2000 scholarship. The Savannah College of Art and Design offered a \$3,000 scholarship renewable for up to four years for first prize.

**This year's top winners include:**

- 1st - Dean Beresford**, Mundy's Mill H.S.
- 2nd - Rachel Saddler**, Cedar Grove H.S.
- 3rd - Ngoc Le**, Riverdale H.S.

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[\[See photos of student submissions to Congressional Art Competition\]](#)

### **NEW PHOTOS in Photo Gallery!**

⌘ **Congressman Scott Visits Powder Springs Council Meeting - April 18, 2006**

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## **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 House Schedule**

Find out from the House Democratic Whip what bills and what amendments will be discussed on the House floor this week.

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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.

⌘ [Senate Calendar](#)

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## **Legislative News:**

### **Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:**

⌘ **H.R. 4954 - The Security and Accountability for Every Port (SAFE) Act**

Authorizes a total of \$7.4 billion in federal funding to enhance port security. This bill specifically authorizes \$400 million annually from FY07-12 for a port security grant program to allocate federal assistance to US ports on the basis of risk and need; authorizes funds to add 200 full-time port-of-entry inspectors each year from FY07-12;

directs the Homeland Security Secretary to develop protocols for the resumption of trade in the event of a transportation security incident that necessitates the suspension of trade; and directs the Secretary to develop and implement a plan for improving the Automated Targeting System for identifying high-risk containers moving through the international supply chain. This bill also authorizes funds to accelerate the Coast Guard's Deepwater program for replacing deteriorating ships and equipment.

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4954; H.R. 4954 passed 421-2 (May 4, 2006)**

☛ **H.R. 4975 – The Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act**

This bill would make modest improvements to lobbying rules without providing a comprehensive, permanent solution to the GOP "culture of corruption." This bill delays real action on private-funded travel and the acceptance of gifts until after the November election and does nothing to slow the revolving door between congressional service and lobbying by retaining the current 1-year period in which former Members and senior staff are prohibited from lobbying their former colleagues.

☛ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 4975; H.R. 4975 passed 217-213 (May 3, 2006)**

☛ **H.R. 5020 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007**

Authorizes appropriations for FY2007 for the conduct of intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the: (1) Office of the Director of National Intelligence; (2) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); (3) Department of Defense (DOD); (4) Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA); (5) National Security Agency (NSA); (6) Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; (7) Departments of State, the Treasury, Energy, and Justice; (8) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); (9) National Reconnaissance Office; (10) National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; (11) Coast Guard; (12) Department of Homeland Security; and (13) Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 5020; H.R. 5020 passed 327-96 (April 26, 2006)**

☛ **H.R. 282 - Iran Freedom Support Act**

This bill states that U.S. sanctions, controls, and regulations relating to weapons of mass destruction with respect to Iran shall remain in effect until the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that Iran has permanently and verifiably dismantled its weapons of mass destruction programs and has committed to combating such weapons' proliferation; and such certification shall have no effect on other sanctions relating to Iranian support of international terrorism. The bill also expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the President should appoint a special assistant on Iranian matters; (2) contacts should be expanded with democratic Iranian opposition groups; and (3) the President should designate at least one such eligible group within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 282; H.R. 282 passed 397-21 (April 26, 2006)**

☛ **H.R. 4709 - Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act of 2006**

Prohibits the obtaining of confidential phone records information from a telecommunications carrier or IP-enabled voice service provider ("covered entity") by: (1) making false or fraudulent statements to an employee of a covered entity or to a customer of a covered entity; (2) providing false or fraudulent documents to a covered entity; or (3) accessing customer accounts of a covered entity through the Internet without prior authorization. Imposes a fine and/or imprisonment of up to 20 years. Prohibits the unauthorized sale or transfer of confidential phone records information by any person, including any employee of a covered entity or any data broker, or the purchase of such information with knowledge that it was fraudulently obtained or obtained without authorization. Imposes a fine and/or imprisonment of up to five years.

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4709; H.R. 4709 passed 409-23 (April 25, 2006)**

☛ **H.R. 513 – The 527 Reform Act**

This bill would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act and curtail the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of independent, non-party 527 organizations and reduce

participation in the electoral process. The bill was reported on a 5-3 party-line vote in June 2005, will all Democrats Voting No.

‣ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 513; H.R. 513 passed 218-209 (April 5, 2006)**

‣ **H.R. 609 – The College Access and Opportunity Act**

This legislation covers a wide variety of federal programs that provide financial aid to students (such as Pell Grants and federal student loan programs), assist institutions of higher education, prepare teachers, and help prepare students for postsecondary education. The bill contained some promising measures: extending the Pell Grants and Perkins Loans programs and authorizing programs to improve teacher preparation, however there is no guarantee that these programs would receive the funding levels contained in the legislation. Furthermore, the bill did not address the \$12.7 billion cuts to student loan programs that were enacted in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which will make attaining a college education significantly more expensive for low and middle income students.

‣ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 609; H.R. 609 passed 221-199 (March 30, 2006)**

‣ **H.R. 4939 – Emergency Supplemental Spending**

The measure provides \$91.9 billion in emergency FY 2006 supplemental funding. The total includes the president's request of \$67.9 billion for military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as \$19.2 billion for hurricane recovery. The measure shifts \$750 million previously provided for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from FY 2007 to FY 2006. The measure also bars DP World, owned by the government of the United Arab Emirates, from taking over operations at six U.S. ports, despite the announcement that DP World would transfer operations of the ports to a U.S. entity.

‣ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4939; H.R. 4939 passed 348-71 (March 16, 2006)**

‣ **H.R. 2829 – Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy**

This bill reauthorizes for five years the Office of National Drug Control Policy (Drug Czar) in the Executive Office of the President that has a prominent role in formulating U.S. policies to reduce the use of illicit drugs and to deal with the consequences of drug abuse. It authorizes close to \$300 million a year to assist state and local authorities to stop drug trafficking in high-intensity trafficking areas, and earmarks \$15 million a year to combat meth distribution in these areas.

‣ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2829; H.R. 2829 passed 399-5 (March 9, 2006)**

‣ **H.R. 4167 – National Uniformity of Food Act**

This legislation bars states from enacting food labeling standards that differ from the national standards set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It does however make exceptions to allow states to enforce strict sanitation standards for restaurants and other food establishments. The Act also permits states to petition the FDA for a stricter standard should they feel there is a compelling public health interest. If the petition is accepted, the stricter standard will become the national standard.

‣ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4167; H.R. 4167 passed 283-139 (March 8, 2006)**