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TOP NEWS:

Congressman David Scott Hosts Successful Fourth Annual Jobs Fair *More than 9,000 Job Seekers and over 130 Top Area Employers* **April 11**

U.S. Congressman David Scott (D-GA) hosted the Fourth Annual 13th Congressional District Jobs Fair at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. This special event was hosted in conjunction with Comcast Cable, WALR KISS 104.1 FM and CBS 46.



“The 13th Congressional District’s Jobs Fair was a great success! This is the fourth jobs fair that I have had the pleasure of hosting and I am very proud of the profound turnout of employers and job seekers here today,” Congressman Scott said. “This is a tough economy and people are hanging on by their fingernails. The outpouring of need is seen in the large number of people tirelessly searching for jobs and the crisis that our local economy is experiencing with the mortgage foreclosure crisis. I am pleased that we were able to assist many able and willing workers today by helping them make direct contact with leading area businesses that are growing and looking to hire.”

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Recovery Rebates Begin Boost for Economy and American Families **April 29**

Today, the Treasury Department began distributing Recovery Rebates to American families as a result of the Economic Stimulus package. The distribution of rebates was originally scheduled to begin on Friday, May 2, but was pushed up to speed the help for families facing economic crisis. Rebates will be issued according to the last two digits of the main filer’s Social Security number. A schedule of the rebate distribution and other information can be found at www.irs.gov. In Georgia, the Economic Stimulus package will provide an estimated \$3.3 billion in total tax rebates to 3, 900,000 households.

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Congressman Scott Appointed to Farm Bill Conference Committee **April 10**

Today, Congressman David Scott was appointed to the House-Senate Conference Committee on H.R. 2419, the *Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 200*, otherwise known as the Farm Bill. The conference committee will negotiate differences between the House and Senate passed versions of the bill and establish priorities for nutrition, energy and agricultural policy for the next five years.

“It is an honor for me to be appointed to this important committee”, Congressman Scott said. **“The passage of a strong Farm Bill will have a significant direct impact on American families in many ways including nutrition, energy and even education. This bill will improve nutrition and access to affordable dietary options for students and the elderly. The bill also boosts funding for renewable energy programs by 600 percent, encourages the production of renewable energy and moves us toward energy independence.”**

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Representative David Scott Announces the ‘We The People’ Bookshelf Award to 12 Local Libraries *April 21*



Today, Rep. David Scott announced an award of seventeen classic books based on the theme of “Created Equal” to 12 libraries throughout the 13th Congressional District. The award was made possible through the National Endowment for the Humanities’ (NEH) *We the People* Bookshelf program. The Bookshelf includes Spanish translations to accompany four of the selected titles.

“Literature has the ability to teach our nation’s history in a way children of all ages can appreciate and understand,” said Rep. Scott. **“‘Created Equal’ encourages students to explore our nation’s history, and exposes them to books that both address the concept of equality and recount the periods of our history which tested the declaration that ‘all men are created equal.’”**

The *We the People* Bookshelf program will distribute 3000 sets of books to city, town and neighborhood libraries as well as libraries in public, private and charter schools and home school consortia in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each library will receive a set of the 17 books along with posters, bookmarks and other promotional materials from NEH through the American Library Association (ALA), which is working in partnership with the Endowment. As part of the award, libraries are organizing programs or events to raise awareness of these classic books and engage young readers.

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Congressman David Scott Named Among 100 Most Influential Georgians *April 10*

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) was recognized by Ebony Magazine as one of “The Ebony Power 150: The Most Influential Blacks in America”. Ebony’s Power list recognizes inspirational individuals from politics, business, education, entertainment, public service and religion and the broad impact that African-Americans have on our society.

Since its 1963 inception, Ebony's presentation of the list - formerly the "100+ Most Influential Black Americans"- has been one of the most annually anticipated features of the magazine. It is the “Who's Who in Black America”, highlighting those who have the capacity to influence a substantial segment of the Black population.

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In Other News:

Local Grant Awards

The Housing Choice Voucher-Family Self Sufficiency Program grant is intended to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher programs with public and private resources to enable participating families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

- Housing Authority of the City of College Park- \$62,804
- Housing Authority of the Fulton County- \$45,193
- City of Marietta: Housing Choice Voucher Program- \$55,577
- Housing Authority of the City of Marietta- \$55,400

The Regional Economic Business Assistance Program (REBA) grant is intended to assist in the acquisition of equipment for the consolidation and location of a global headquarters for Quintiles Transnational Corporation

- Development Authority of Cobb County- \$1,500,000
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What's Happening in Congress?

Currently on the House Floor

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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. 5501 – Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act**

Directs the Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally in order to develop a five-year strategic plan for program monitoring, operations research, and impact evaluation research of U.S. HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria programs, including mother-to-child HIV transmission. Extends funding for: (1) the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria; (2) the Vaccine Fund; (3) the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative; and (4) malaria vaccine development programs. Authorizes appropriations for tuberculosis vaccine research.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 5501; H.R. 5501 passed 308-116 (4-2-2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 5719 – Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act**

This bill modernizes Internal Revenue Service functions to provide protections to taxpayers and improve outreach. Additionally, the bill repeals the IRS Private Debt Collector program, an imprudent outsourcing of an inherent

government function that to date has spent \$75 million to collect just \$35 million. It also delays for one year the imposition of a three-percent withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services made after December 31, 2010. The bill stops federal contractors from using foreign subsidiaries to evade Social Security and other employment taxes as well. H.R. 5719 protects low-income taxpayers by prohibiting IRS debt indicators for predatory refund anticipation loans, allowing IRS employees to refer taxpayers to qualified low-income taxpayer clinics, and authorizing funding for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance ("VITA") programs.

• **DS voted FOR H.R. 5719; H.R. 5719 passed 238-179 (4-15-2008)**

• **H.R. 5819– SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act**

H.R. 5819 reauthorizes the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) program. Increases the Phase I awards from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and Phase II awards from \$750,000 to \$2.2 million to better reflect the actual costs of doing high-tech research. Increases the flexibility of the SBIR program by allowing cross-agency awards and allowing applications to apply directly for Phase II funding. Allows small businesses backed by venture capital to apply for awards, and define eligibility requirements. Expands requirements for agency databases of award recipients and requires interoperability and accessibility between databases to allow for improved oversight by Congress.

• **DS voted FOR H.R. 5819; H.R. 5819 passed the House 368-43 (4-23-2008)**

• **H.R. 5522– Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act**

Requires the Secretary of Labor, within 90 days, to promulgate an interim final standard regulating combustible dusts, which shall apply to manufacturing, processing, blending, conveying, repackaging, and handling of combustible particulate solids and their dusts (including organic dusts, plastics, sulfur, wood, rubber, furniture, textiles, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, fibers, dyes, coal, metals, and fossil fuels), but shall not apply to processes already covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) standard on grain facilities.

• **DS voted FOR H.R. 5522; H.R. 5522 passed the House 247-165 (4-30-2008)**



