

Congressman Lewis thanks the National Guard at the Atlanta Greek Festival.











# CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

### Building a Road to Peace

Congressman John Lewis officially welcomes The Dalai Lama to Atlanta

Striding toward peace in Rwanda

Recently, we had the honor of hosting the Dalai Lama in both the halls of Congress in Washington, DC and in the great state of Georgia. His visit inspired many of us to dig down deeper, recommit, and stand steadfast against any continued funding for an unjust, unending war.

As a founding member of the Out of Iraq Caucus, I have opposed increasing a defense budget that drains national resources away from pressing domestic issues. Congress must de-authorize the War in Iraq, and resist any attempt to install permanent military bases in Iraq while continuing to fund health and education services for American veterans and their families.

In my years in Congress, we have fought apartheid in South Africa and the genocide in Rwanda, Sudan, and Bosnia. The recent developments on the Turkish-Iraqi border, Pakistan, the ongoing conflicts in places like Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia and Eritrea, and Myanmar need an intensive diplomatic solution. Terrorists operating from the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia are shaking the collective values of the world's citizens to the core. At a point in history where violence and conflict are exploding in every corner of the globe and children are becoming the soldiers of the world, the United States must recommit itself to diplomacy, dialogue and engagement to resolve differences and find a way forward. Dialogue and engagement like the recent Annapolis meeting between Israeli and Palestinian leaders are the key to ending this continuous cycle of violence.

A democracy can not be built by people looking down the barrels of guns.



Youth Council in Atlanta visits with, The Dalai Lama.

### GREEN. SAFE CURES FOR TRANSPORTATION HEADACHES

It is an honor to represent the fastest growing urban community in the country that is also home to the largest passenger airport in the world.

Unfortunately, with an economic and population explosion come logistical and commuting challenges for the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. Over the years, I have led the Georgia delegation in promoting cutting-edge, environmentally-friendly transportation solutions and have initiated the fight against the explosion of billboards on American highways, developed the framework for smoke-free transportation facilities that are now a national standard, and led the congressional fight against visible pollution.

Puring each appropriations cycle, I resubmit requests to address the many noise issues that come with Georgia's crowded roads and airspace and successfully secure millions of dollars in funding to improve and expand Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARIA) Smart Card and Clean Bus programs, the Georgia North Line extension, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, and the Metro Atlanta water and sewer initiatives.

I use my seniority on the powerful Ways and Means Committee to address issues related to transportation safety and workers, for example, fighting for passengers' rights and fair and equal distribution of air travel taxes during the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Earlier this year, Congress demanded that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) develop a standard for bus manufacturers that would reduce complete and partial ejections in crashes by October 1, 2009. The devastating Bluffton University baseball team accident on I-75 in Atlanta and the work of an amazing trauma team at Grady Memorial Hospital were a deadly reminder of the importance of safety standards.



5th District constituent volunteer in the community

### **DROUGHT TALKS DISTILL COURSE OF COOPERATION**

The state of Georgia is in crisis. Georgia is experiencing a drought like no other, where the lack of water has hurt the local economy, the environment, and disrupted the lives of Georgia's citizens.

The current water plans, which govern the water released from Georgia's key reservoirs, are not working, and they are not meeting the needs of Georgia's citizens. The Army Corps of Engineers recently announced that they will begin to update decades-old water control procedures for the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin. This is an important first step, however, until the Corps updates the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin manuals, this is only a partial solution.

As dean of the Georgia Congressional delegation, I am taking important steps in Washington, DC to help Georgia's residents and regularly bring the entire Georgia delegation together to discuss and plan federal strategy in response to the drought. Other important actions include the introduction of legislation by the Georgia delegation to ease restrictions on water releases from Georgia's reservoirs so that we may build our reserves and keep more water on hand for future use. Also, the Georgia delegation has written to President Bush about the severity of the drought and asked that special federal funding considerations be given to Georgia counties most impacted by the drought.

As Georgians, we are doing our best to conserve and abide by the water restrictions that we all must shoulder. This drought is a time of collective action and sacrifice for all. In order to ensure that future droughts are anticipated and the effects are mitigated, I will continue to demand accountability from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife Service, while simultaneously working with my colleagues in Congress and reaching out to State and local officials to ensure Georgians get the water they need.

#### John Lewis...In His Own Words

"I believe that in the coming days and years, the cause of civil rights will become more and more about protecting green spaces and open land, about clean air, clean water, and clean land. It is about our fundamental rights to purse a healthy life – physically, mentally, and psychologically."- September 2004

Please visit my website at www.house.gov/johnlewis for more information on the global warming legislation and green energy initiatives before the U.S. Congress.



### Health Care is a Right, Not a Luxury

Health care is a basic human right. Until Congress can make health care a reality for every American, we have a moral obligation to start with the most vulnerable among us — our children and our senior citizens.

#### **Covering Children**

I am working with my colleagues to expand health care for all Americans, starting with our children through the expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). SCHIP is a bipartisan and cost-effective way to meet the health care needs of children and families struggling to make ends meet. Georgia's PeachCare covers 343,700 children today and Congress must expand that to cover the thousands of already eligible children who still lack health care.

In vetoing the bi-partisan compromise legislation, the President, and his Congressional allies who upheld his veto, opposed the will of many American people, including a wide-ranging coalition of doctors and other health care providers, disease advocacy groups, and children's advocates, such as the March of Dimes and Easter Seals.

SCHIP would have provided for the health and well-being of 10 million children by:

- protecting coverage for the more than 6 million children already enrolled, and enroll 4 million more children who are already eligible but lack health care;
- helping families of 10 million children avoid bankruptcy and foreclosure on their homes under the crushing weight of medical catastrophes; and
- saving taxpayer dollars that are now spent in hospital emergency rooms the most expensive possible place to care for uninsured children

Expanding SCHIP to more uninsured children is one of my top priorities.

#### **Strengthening Medicare**

For our seniors who rely on Medicare, Congress has a duty to pass legislation that helps those with the lowest incomes, and makes prevention more affordable. The House passed a bill that:

- ensures seniors have access to the doctors of their choice by stopping a scheduled 10 percent payment cut to doctors;
- reverses the Republican drive to partially privatize Medicare, phasing out the over payments to private plans;
- makes health care more affordable and attainable for low-income seniors, including more than 164,000 of the poorest Medicare beneficiaries in Georgia, by expanding programs that assist beneficiaries with co-payments, deductibles, and prescription drug costs;
- makes preventive health check-ups like tests, screenings, and vaccines more
  affordable for seniors by eliminating co-payments and deductibles, saving lives
  and money; and
- works to eliminate disparities in health care under the Medicare program by providing Medicare with the tools to analyze and identify racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in health care.

Too many seniors are still struggling to pay for their prescription drugs. You can be proud that one of the first acts of this Congress was to vote to give Medicare the ability to negotiate with drug companies for lower drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. The President has threatened to veto the legislation.

At the Pfizer Health Care Fair, Congressman Lewis demonstrates the importance of getting your blood pressure checked as acclaimed Actress Ruby Dee looks on



# TRACK RECORD OF JOHN LEWIS ON HEALTH CARE

#### Looking back over my 21 years in Congress, a number of health care initiatives stand out that I'm proud of helping to create.

- Leader in creating the National Center on Minority and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health.
- Leader in getting smoking banned in airports.
- Worked to get Medicare to cover preventative screenings for things like Glaucoma.
- Helped ensure that Community Health Centers are reimbursed properly for treating seniors covered by Medicare and I will continue to work on this issue until the job is done.
- Committed to fighting Chronic Kidney Disease and End Stage Renal Disease and have introduced legislation helping those who suffer from these diseases receive the highest quality care and taking the first of many steps toward preventing these terrible diseases.
- Long-time supporter of hospitals in our district. Delivered more than one million dollars over the past three years to Grady Health System for their Disaster Preparedness Center, \$300,000 to St. Joseph's Mercy Care Services to improve quality of care through electronic health records, and \$150,000 for Piedmont Hospital for their Sixty-Plus Senior Care Transition Grant Program. These are just a few projects that have been funded in our district over the last three years.
- Committed to NIH funding and research, which will lead to the eradication of so many terrible diseases. We are all proud to have the CDC in our district and so many wonderful Colleges and Universities that are making progress every day in the fight to cure disease.
- Co-chair of the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Caucus, which seeks to prevent and raise awareness about the 4th leading cause of death in the US through legislative and funding efforts.

# Education Investment Essential to Democracy

Education is a cornerstone of this country and throughout my time in Congress, it has been a top legislative priority to ensure that every child has access to a quality education. I am committed to improving our public schools and making higher education more affordable for all.

Education is the only way to turn the American Dream into a reality for all of our nation's children. This year Congress passed the single largest investment in college financial assistance since the 1944 GI Bill. I cosponsored the College Cost Reduction Act, which became law on September 27, 2007, because the United States must invest and make college more affordable across the country. This bill would increase student financial aid by \$18 billion and increase the maximum Pell Grant scholarship by \$900 for eligible students. Georgia families will feel a direct impact from this legislation as over \$859 million dollars will be added to our state's loan and Pell aid programs over the next five years. An important part of this bill is the reduction in interest rates on student loans from 6.8% to 3.4%, which will occur incremen tally in the next 5 years. Over the life of a loan, this reduction will save a typical Georgia college student \$4,230.

The College Cost Reduction Act also supports minority students and minority serving educa-



#### Congressman Lewis speaks to students at Ridgeview Middle School about his work in congress

tion institutions. As is clear from the declining minority graduation rates, minorities and lowincome students are having a difficult time in our education system. The College Cost Reduction Act tries to help in this area by making landmark investments in Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and minority serving institutions.

#### No Child Left Behind

In recent years, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has been at the forefront of education reform. NCLB is currently up for reauthorization in Congress and I am working, in close con junction with my colleagues, to correct some of the flaws in the law.

The goal of NCLB is to enable all American children to succeed in school regardless of in come, race, ethnicity, or disability. However, we need to revise how we measure student achievement and the testing methods we use. Too many of today's teachers feel they must "teach the test." We need multiple measures to assess the growth of students and to en sure our students are becoming well-rounded individuals. When measuring student achievement, we need to understand how students are performing, not just by race and ethnicity, but also by gender. Too many African-American and Latino men are lagging behind women in their corresponding racial and ethnic groups. Of particular concern is that the United States of America has one of the highest dropout rates in the world. This is unacceptable. Those who are struggling need the most help so they can graduate and become productive mem bers of society.

Congress must ensure that NCLB targets more resources to underperforming schools and districts. If we continue to refuse to invest the necessary resources in our children's education, no law will solve our education crisis.

# **SPECIAL INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION**

#### Head Start Receives Increased Funding

Congress took an important and necessary step this December to help reach our nation's neediest youth when the Head Start program was re-authorized with increased funding. I am a strong supporter of this program and fought for the funding increase. Head Start combines education activities with social services, such as health and nutrition, and emphasizes parental involvement in childhood development. At last count, over 900,000 children up to the age of five were enrolled in the program, and over its history has served over 24 million American children.

#### Fighting for the YouthBuild Program:

YouthBuild is an important federal program which has proven it can bring youth who have dropped out of high school or have been mandated by the court system to pursue productive employment, higher education, and civic engagement. I was the lead on a letter with over 65 other Members of Congress to prevent President Bush's attempts to deeply cut funding for this program and will continue the fight and to help give our youth a chance!

# Tax Relief For Hardest Hit

#### Fair Taxes for Workers - Smart Taxes for Growth

More than ever, we need a serious approach to taxes. We cannot afford to continue the same approach to the budget that has drained our Treasury and jeopardized important programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

The Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and taxes. As a senior member of this Committee and Chairman of its Subcommittee on Oversight, I have seen too many times over the years that those trying to grab on to the economic ladder have had their hands stepped on by people supporting policies that tip the scales in favor of the wealthiest of the investor class. Too many times the false promise of economic growth that is supposed to trickle-down to benefit everyone has not come to fruition.

In addition to working to improve the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in 2007, my priorities have included other changes to the tax code that would benefit hundreds of thousands of Georgia families. This year, with the support of the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the House passed legislation to prevent more than 45,000 people in the 5th District from paying higher taxes under the Alternative Minimum Tax penalty. We must give more tax relief under the refundable child tax credit, make it possible for tax-deductible food donations to reach the mouths of the hungry, and promote economic growth in our business community.

When Democrats spoke out in support of the Taxpayer Relief Act a decade ago, we were fighting for families earning between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year to get a \$500 per child tax cut. We were working for a HOPE scholarship to make college more affordable to our children. We were favoring tax cuts so it was easier for people to inherit farms and small businesses. We supported this and other meaningful tax cuts without borrowing money that future generations would have to pay back - your kids and mine. We have defended these tax principles, while at the same time fighting for taxpayer privacy and anti-abuse measures, in order to also put tax dollars to work for investments in research and redevelopment for the whole economy.

The vast majority of America is less financially secure today than at any time since the Great Depression. Our productivity and other economic measures are rising. Somehow, this growth is passing by too many working families. On one hand, corporations are earning record profits. On the other hand, middle-class wages are not enough to pay for housing, health care, child care, transportation, utilities, or prepare for an emergency. Democrats are concerned that people are unable to save and plan for retirement. We are concerned about people who are falling into debt and relying on credit cards to get by. So when it cornes to the reality of daily life in America, when parents are sacrificing time with their families, I look at the taxes people are paying and want better for Georgia and better for our country.

#### Using the Tax Code to Lift Working Americans Out of Poverty

I have always stood with—and worked for—people in our community who are in need and have used my Congressional leadership positions as a platform to be a voice for the voiceless and vulnerable. The government has all too often turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to poor families. That's why my first hearing as Chairman of the House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Oversight, in February 2007, investigated why billions of dollars available to the poor through the Earned Income Tax Credit go unclaimed.

In the 5th District alone, there are over 20,000 residents eligible for the credit who could gain the benefit of more than \$43 million in unclaimed funds. These funds could mean more food on the table for hungry children, money to hold back evictions, life-saving medications for a senior citizen, or a winter coat for a child. Between 2000 and 2003, tens of thousands of low-income individuals in the 5th District benefited from more than \$400 million in tax benefits that help people stay above the poverty level. More people should benefit from this vital program, therefore my priorities include fighting for an expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for childless workers under the Tax Relief for All Workers Act of 2007 and the Tax Reduction and Reform Act of 2007.

The New Markets Tax Credit program has delivered more than \$160 million to Atlanta to encourage private capital investment in eligible low-income communities to transform struggling areas. Georgia and the 5th District have been served by millions in additional investment dollars awarded through this program. In 2007, Atlanta received an additional \$160 million through this program that will lead to targeted investments and transform struggling areas.

#### Finding Innovative Ways to Help Struggling Schools

The tax credit for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond helps school districts serving low-income students and schools located in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community. This program decreases the burden on school districts of financing school renovations, resulting in more than \$13 million for Georgia schools over the past few years. We must also pass America's Better Classrooms Act of 2007, which would expand and improve bonding programs to help rebuild schools in the communities that need investment the most.

#### John Lewis...In His Own Words

"I did not come to this House in 1987 to trade my vote away. The people of the Fifth Congressional district of Georgia did not send me here to sell them out for a mess of pottage and 30 pieces of silver. ... I am going to cast my lot with the working people of America—the taxpayers, people who work with their hands every single day." — November 1993

## HEEDING THE HOMELESS AND HELPING THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR True To My Words

"Children do not choose to go hungry. The elderly do not choose to become sick. The handicapped do not choose to be disabled. ... We have a responsibility—a moral obligation—to do right by our children, our seniors, and our working families." — John Lewis, October 1995

An estimated 37 million Americans are living in poverty today. Our neighborhoods, our schools, and our families are in need of some help. I have constantly spoken-up and spoken-out in defense of the poor. Congress must work hard toward a dramatic reduction in poverty, toward good schools, and near-full employment, so opportunities are available to all Americans. Congress must ensure that children, parents, and loved ones don't slip through the cracks into an endless cycle of poverty.

We are a great nation, but we cannot continue to be great unless we honor our responsibility to the least fortunate among us. Whether working to change tax policy or raise the minimum wage, Congress must do whatever it takes protect poor and low-income Americans.

#### **Cambating Homelessness**

Since arriving in the House of Representatives in 1987, my voice has been heard to prevent the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and so many others from being overlooked. One of my first speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives was to urge passage of the first comprehensive law addressing the various needs of the homeless. This is known as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. I said it then and still believe it today: "Our Nation shares a moral obligation to help the many homeless families and individuals forced to live on the streets."

I was a leader in designating November 2007 as the first-ever National Homeless Youth Aware -ness Month and also support the National Homelessness Task Force Act of 2007, legislation which calls on Congress to establish a bipartisan task force to examine homelessness in the United States and make recommendations to alleviate its causes and effects. This issue demands more attention. There are an estimated 3.5 million people experiencing homelessness each year, including 400,000 veterans, 600,000 families, and sadly, 1.35 million children.

# WAGE RAISE WARRIOR FIGHTS FOR WORKERS RIGHTS

I have fought against attempts over the years to weaken minimum wage laws because no matter how hard a person works, unless they earn a livable wage, they are at risk of being impoverished. Currently, I serve as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Labor Taskforce which serves as a liaison between the CBC and labor advocates. The CBC Labor Taskforce coordinates briefings, meetings, and develops policy on the many issues that affect American workers.

One of the cornerstones of our efforts has been to promote pay parity and the rights of workers to organize collectively. I have fought every attempt to repeal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards, and continue to combat child labor abuses. It is a national and international fight. For example, Congress is currently crafting the reauthorization of the Trafficking in Victims Protection Act, and I continue to work in a bipartisan manner to combat modern-day slavery in every corner of the world. The cycle of oppression and forced labor must come to an end.

Fair and adequate employment rights are also the cornerstone of anti-poverty initiatives. It took far too long, but after 10 years, we successfully increased the national minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour. This great accomplishment moves us in the direction of establishing a national livable wage. In an era of globalization that has hit Georgia hard, it is a priority to fight for better programs and increased funding for American workers through initiatives like the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and increased funding and contract opportunities for small, minority, veteran, and women-owned businesses. In 1989, I led Congress in supporting the workers of Eastern Airlines during their labor dispute and nearly 20 years later, led the bipartisan Georgia delegation in standing up for 55,000 Delta Airline employees in our state who sacrificed so much to survive three difficult years of bankruptoy.



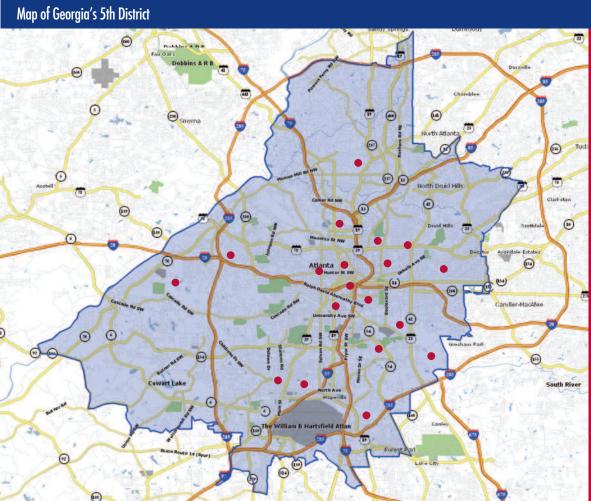
Congressman Lewis hosts a Senior Social event where constituents learn about legislation and programs effecting seniors.

### **ELDER EMPOWERMENT**

The senior community should be informed about their health, Social Security, and Medicare benefits, and any legislation that will directly impact their lifestyles and communities. In keeping with this belief, I've personally hosted or been a special guest at numerous 5th District events aimed at arming seniors with information directly from federal government agency experts. Some of those events were:

- American Kidney Fund Health Care Fair: 10/07
- Black Health Empowerment Project Health Care Fair: 06/07
- Pfizer Health Care Fair: 04/07

- Health and Wellness Fair: 03/06
- Senior Citizens Medicare Part D Town Hall Meeting: 12/05
- Senior Citizens Social Security Reform Town Hall Meeting: 02/05



# **Defending Free and Fair Elections**

A chief priority has been working to protect the rights of all Americans to live and work and vote free from discrimination.

#### Protecting the Right to Vote

I am proud to have worked so closely on the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act. The evidence shows that voting discrimination in America is not dead, and the Voting Rights Act was needed to assure that democracy prevails in every hill and valley, every city and sub urb, on every fertile farm and every desert plain in America. This is why Congress worked in a truly bipartisan way to reauthorize the Act. The right to vote is so precious and almost sacred, that there is nothing more important that I can do in Congress than protect the right to vote. It is clear that we have come a great distance, but we still have a great distance to go before we can lay down the burden of voting discrimination in America.

#### Making Sure That Every Vote Counts and Preventing Voter Intimidation

I support legislation that would require a voter-verifiable paper trail on all electronic voting machines, so that people are sure that their vote really counts. If a problem is uncovered or if there is a challenge to an election, there will be a way to ensure that votes were cast properly and that results are not a technological trick or malfunction.

I know you shared my outrage in 2006 when voters in minority communities were inten tionally misled about voting dates and some naturalized citizens were threatened with ar rest if they turned out to vote. The House of Representatives passed legislation that strength ens voter protection and prevents intimidation at the polling place. Every voter should feel free to exercise their constitutional right to vote with out fear of intimidation. The Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act would protect every American citizen's right to vote by making voter deception a federal crime. Did you know that in Georgia, picture identification is now required to vote? Find out acceptable photo identification and learn how to get a free ID at www.house.gov/johnlewis.

#### **Employment NON-Discrimination Act**

There are still places in this nation where our gay and lesbian sisters and brothers can be hired and fired because of their sexual orientation, without any legal recourse at all. I am proud that the House of Representatives, after more than 30 years, has finally caught up with mostof the nation, most businesses, and many states who already offer this protection by passing legislation that makes it illegal for employers to discriminate against gays or lesbians. It is disappointing that it did not take the additional step to protect gender identity. The fight for civil rights is never over. It is an ongoing struggle and you can be sure that I will continue the fight until all discrimination in the workplace is eradicated.

#### Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act

On June 20th, the House overwhelmingly passed my legislation, the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Grime Act. This bill establishes an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the FBI to investigate violations of criminal civil rights statutes in which the act occurred before January 1, 1970 and resulted in death. The legislation was named in honor of Emmett Till, a teenager who was brutally murdered and mutilated while on a summer vacation in Money, Mississippi in 1955

#### Here is a sample of federal appropriations and grants that have been recently awarded in Georgia's 5th Congressional District:

• \$24,4	411,463	granted in Atlanta to support various educational institutions such as the Georgia Department of Education, the Department of Education Charter School Division, Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University, Georgia State University, Morehouse University, and Spelman University
• \$1,12	0,452	granted in Atlanta to support various medical organizations such as AIDS Atlanta and the National Institute of Mental Health
• \$4,08	38,565	granted in Atlanta to support criminal justice and juvenile justice concerns such as the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
• \$9,61	4,964	granted in Atlanta to support various arganization such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, organizations to fight against Domestic Violence, Boys and Girls Club of America, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, innovative housing initiatives, Georgia Humanities Council, Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault and other community serving organizations
• \$1,47	5,000	granted to the City of Atlanta to support multiple city-wide initiatives
• \$3,78	38,418	granted in Decatur to support the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
• \$543,	,000	granted in the City of East Point to support various city-wide initiatives
• \$100,	,000	appropriated to Georgia State University to support HIV/AIDS initiatives
• \$300,	,000	appropriated to Grady Health System to support the Disaster Preparedness Center Project
• \$1,75	50,000	appropriated to Morehouse School of Medicine to support multiple initiatives
• \$30,1	29,000	appropriated to the Martin Luther King Federal Building for repairs and alternations
• \$1,00	0,000	appropriated to the Atlanta BeltLine/CLoop Project
• \$1,00	0,000	appropriated to Emory University for Clifton Corridor transit and transportation improvement
• \$3, 97	75,000	appropriated to MARTA to support Clean Fuel Buses and the Automated Smart Card Fare Collection System
• \$400,	,000	appropriated to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for replacement of distance measuring equipment
• \$500,	,000	appropriated to the Semmes Street Project in East Point
• \$300,	,000	appropriated for security improvements at the Fulton County Courthouse
• \$200,	,000	appropriated to the City of Atlanta to support a conflict resolution program
• \$100,	,000	appropriated to the Department of Corrections to support the Women for Women Residential Treatment