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Georgia: Taxpayer Friendly Primary Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following taxpayer-friendly candidates who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for making it through the primary election on July 20. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joined 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, eight Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1290 state legislators.

In Georgia, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed: (There has been redistricting in Georgia. The first district number given denotes the district seat for which the candidate is running; the second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

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| 1. Eric Johnson (S-1) | 13. David Ralston (H-7) | 25. Matt Dollar (H-45/H-31) | 37. Len Walker (H-107/H-71, P1) |
| 2. Rene D. Kemp (S-1/S-3) | 14. Amos Amerson (H-9) | 26. J. Mark Burkhalter (H-50/H-36) | 38. John Lunsford (H-110/H-85, P2) |
| 3. Tommie Williams (S-19) | 15. Ben D. Bridges (H-10/H-7) | 27. Tom Rice (H-51/H-64) | 39. Bob Smith (H-113) |
| 4. Chip Rogers (S-21/H-15) | 16. E.M. Childers (H-14/H-13, P1) | 28. Bill Hembree (H-67/H-46) | 40. Barry A. Fleming (H-117/H-79) |
| 5. Don Cheeks (S-22/S-23) | 17. Jeff Lewis (H-15/H-12) | 29. Jeff Brown (H-69/H-89) | 41. Ben Harbin (H-118/H-80) |
| 6. Mitch Seabaugh (S-28) | 18. John Mark Butler (H-18, P1) | 30. John P. Yates (H-73/H-85, P1) | 42. Sue Burmeister (H-119/H-96) |
| 7. Terrell A. Starr (S-44) | 19. Carl Rogers (H-26/H-20) | 31. Fran Millar (H-79/H-52) | 43. Larry O’Neal (H-146/H-117) |
| 8. Renee S. Unterman (S-45) | 20. Calvin Hill (H-21/H-16) | 32. Jill Chambers (H-81/H-53) | 44. Ed Rynders (H-152/H-137) |
| 9. Ralph T. Hudgens (S-47) | 21. Jack Murphy (H-23/H-14, P2) | 33. Brooks Coleman (H-97/H-65) | 45. Jerry Keen (H-179/H-146) |
| 10. Casay Cagle (S-49) | 22. James Mills (H-25/H-67, P2) | 34. Mike Coan (H-101/H-67, P1) | |
| 11. Preston W. Smith (S-52) | 23. Sharon Cooper (H-41/H-30) | 35. David Casas (H-103/H-68) | |
| 12. Ronald L. Forster (H-3, P1) | 24. Bobby Franklin (H-43/H-17) | 36. Donna Sheldon (H-105) | |

CANDIDATES

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| 1. R. A. Griffin, Jr. (S-8) | 8. Mike Crane (S-51) | 15. Timothy J. Beardon (H-68) | 22. Alan Freeman (H-140) |
| 2. Bill Bonner (S-16) | 9. Martin Scott (H-2) | 16. Billy Horne (H-71) | 23. Wilbur E. Baugh (H-141) |
| 3. Ronnie Chance (S-16) | 10. James Eddie Lumsden (H-11) | 17. Bobby Reese (H-98) | 24. Earl L. “Buddy” Carter (H-159) |
| 4. Cecil Staton (S-18) | 11. Barry Loudermilk (H-14) | 18. Mike Seigle (H-99) | 25. John Mark Hatfield (H-177) |
| 5. Jim Whitehead (S-24) | 12. Bobby McMillan (H-15) | 19. Eric Reid (H-104) | |
| 6. Mitchell Kaye (S-32) | 13. Gina D. Carr (H-20) | 20. David L. Johnson (H-121) | |
| 7. Bill Sanders (S-33) | 14. George W. Pope (H-68) | 21. David Corr (H-138) | |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Peg Blitch (S-7) | 5. Nathan Dean (S-31) | 9. Roger Hines (H-35) | 13. Lynn Westmoreland (H-86) |
| 2. Rooney Bowen (S-13) | 6. Charles B. Tanskley (S-32) | 10. Tom Campbell (H-39) | 14. Chuck Harper (H-88, P2) |
| 3. Mike D. Crotts (S-17) | 7. Brian Davis Joyce (H-2) | 11. Barbara J. Bunn (H-63) | |
| 4. Robert Lamutt (S-21) | 8. Warren Massey (H-24) | 12. Charles Bannister (H-70, P1) | |

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