

# GACCE

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION of CHAMBER of COMMERCE EXECUTIVES

■ JULY 2009



## Chairman's Corner

Chip Cherry, CCE  
President  
Greater Macon Chamber

I heard someone say the other day that “flat was the new up” – you would not have heard that 18 months ago. How strange is it to see members who were engaged a few years ago show up on your drop list? How hard is it when we are tasked with making budget adjustments where we know there is no fat? How hard is it to ask for sponsorships from a member who you know is having a difficult year? How do we remain relevant and maintain enough surge capacity to seize upon those opportunities that present themselves? The short answer is- it’s tough; the long answer is - the path to your solution may lie with your colleagues in the Chamber business.

I have been in this business for 27 years and the one thing I can say – without exception – is that when I have been at an impasse I have been able to turn to my peers and mentors for guidance. They may not have had the solution – but, during our conversations they made me see the challenge in a different light. That different perspective was the key to my being able to formulate a strategy to address the problem. If you are tackling a tough problem I encourage you to contact Tiffany Fulmer at the GACCE office and ask her for a recommendation of someone to call. I promise you that she can find someone who will help you gain a different perspective – and maybe that fresh perspective will help you develop a solution.



Greater Columbus – Gov. Perdue speaks at Fort Benning before signing Senate Bill 114.

Solutions and relevancy were the concepts that guided the team as they developed the sessions for the Annual Conference. The sessions focus on those skills that we need to either acquire or refresh to stay relevant and survive these difficult economic times. I hope you have made plans to join us at Jekyll Island on July 21-24; the conference will be well worth your investment.

It is an honor for me to follow Monica as the Chair of GACCE! We have a wonderful group of officers and directors, complemented by an outstanding administrator - Tiffany. I am looking forward to working with the GACCE Team to bring you quality programs throughout the year.

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Event Scheduled for July 21 – 24 at Jekyll Island Club Hotel – REGISTER TODAY!

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## EVENTS CALENDAR



### GACCE Annual Conference

July 21 - 24, 2009  
Jekyll Island Club Hotel

Registration information for the 2009 Annual Conference can be found on the GACCE web site. Register today!

July 3

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks Show  
Elbert County Chamber

July 11

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise-In Car Show  
Elbert County Chamber

July 14

Family Bowling Night  
Barrow County Chamber

July 17

Movie Under the Stars  
Swainsboro-Emanuel Cty Chamber

July 23

Chamber Quarterly Meeting  
Harris County Chamber

July 27

New Teacher Orientation  
Barrow County Chamber

July 28

Party Patrol  
Greater Macon Chamber

## AUGUST 2009 Newsletter

The deadline for the  
**AUGUST**  
GACCE newsletter will be  
**Friday, July 24, 2009.**  
Please send updates to  
Tiffany Fulmer  
at [tfulmer@gacce.org](mailto:tfulmer@gacce.org).

## CHAMBER UPDATES

### Albany Area Chamber

*Catherine Glover, President & CEO*

Twelve teams of golfers "teed off for a touchdown" in June at Doublegate Country Club for the Chamber's first Cats With Clubs Charity Golf Classic. The teams were made up of three golfers and one South Georgia Wildcat. Prizes were awarded with the United Way Young Leaders Society team as the big winner for the day.

Emerge Albany, the Chamber's Young Professional group, held three events in June. Mark Lane, SB&T, spoke and sponsored June's 2nd Friday Luncheon. The group hit the lanes for a night of bowling at AMF Bowl-A-Rama, and Emerge Albany and the Young Lawyer's group opened up the season with barbeque from Rooster's, music from Ed Mcree and an exciting game from the South Georgia Wildcats.

When great minds gather great ideas arise. This is just what the Chamber was looking for when they called together the past presidents/chairmen for a brainstorming meeting in June. Sixteen past presidents/chairmen entered the Chamber with approximately 100 years of chamber experience between them. Mr. Walter Keenan was the senior representative having served as chamber president in 1965. Ms. Patsy Martin, past president 1991, was the first female president, and Mr. James Griffin, past chairman 1992, was the first "chairman" as well as the first African American to head the chamber. It was in that year that the title was changed from president to chairman. Each past president/chairman spoke briefly about the year they served. Catherine Glover, the first female president/CEO of the Chamber, was introduced and avidly shared her comments for the future direction of the Chamber emphasizing the COMPASS project that seeks to garnish as much information as possible from businesses of all sizes, from all points of the compass, with an overall goal of retooling Chamber services to best meet the needs of the overall business community.

The Chamber helped welcome five new residents and one sports fellow to Albany as they begin their three-year program in Phoebe's Family Practice Residency Program in June. Chamber members donated gifts to fill suitcases that were presented by John McDuffie, chairman of the board, during the welcome ceremony.

### Barrow County Chamber

*Thomas Jennings, President*

The Chamber is holding a Family Night at the Oasis Bowling Center July 14.



**Albany** – The Chamber recently hosted their past presidents/ chairmen for a brainstorming meeting to generate new ideas.

### Barrow County Chamber (cont.)

The Chamber's New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for July 27. They are collecting door prizes and donations to recognize their teachers.

### Camden County Chamber

*Christine Daniel, President*

The Taste of Camden event will be held October 15 where they expect over 800 in attendance.

### Carroll County Chamber

*Daniel Jackson, President/CEO*

Dr. Matt McCord of Bowdon Animal Hospital was named the 2009 Small Business Person of the Year at the annual Chamber Membership BBQ in May. Dr. McCord was selected by the Chamber's Small Business Committee for his successful veterinary practice and his business accomplishments in rehabilitating and renovating the former Bowdon sewing mills into a thriving commercial development, Bowdon Station. The Chamber's Environmental Projects Committee awarded the Chamber's 2009 Silver Awards for Beautification to the Carroll County Board of Commissioners for environmental and aesthetic improvements made to the county's convenience / recycling centers; and, to Janus International for their greenscape and environmental mitigation efforts. Silver Awards recognize efforts in improving the overall attractiveness of Carroll County.

### Catoosa County Chamber

*Martha Eaker, President & CEO*

The Chamber hosted the Catoosa Expo in May at the Colonnade Civic Center. They had a sold out event with 72 booths sold, great corporate sponsorship, and attendance of over 450. Business After Hours from 5:00 until 7:00 was sponsored by Belaire Catering and was a fabulous event and well attended. They awarded door prizes from the vendors and the Chamber during BAH. The Chamber netted \$13,500 on the event!

## ■ CHAMBER FOLKS

### Retirement & New Executive for Americus-Sumter County

**Alice Bolstridge** has retired after 13 years of service to the Chamber. Filling her shoes as the Chamber President is **Angela Westra** who began on June 1. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations from Valdosta State University and has an extensive background in marketing and communications.



### New Executive at Brantley County Chamber

**Tim Sawyer** has been named the new Executive Director of the Chamber.

### Georgia Chamber Announces new Senior VP

The Chamber is pleased to announce that **Staci Parker** has joined the organization as Senior Vice President of Member Services. In this position, Ms. Parker will be responsible for managing membership, sales and events functions, leading the Chamber toward its goals for membership and revenue growth.



### Georgia Hispanic Chamber Executive Recognized

**Tisha Tallman** was recently recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

### Greater Columbus Chamber Announces New Hire

**Brandon Wells** has been hired to manage The Chamber's Young Professionals program. Wells comes to the Chamber with experience at the Leadership Institute, Schwarz for Congress, Capitol Hill intern for Joe Schwarz and District Office intern for Bob Barr.

## ■ CHAMBER UPDATES

### Cobb Chamber

*Bill Cooper, President/CEO*

The Chamber celebrated the longtime tradition of small businesses in Cobb County with a month of activities during Small Business Month in June. The Chamber kicked off the celebration at its June First Monday Breakfast by presenting the 2009 Small Business of the Year award to the finest small business in Cobb County. Taking home the top honor was EPIC Response, a turn-key, full service provider of disaster recovery solutions for customers experiencing or seeking to avoid unexpected property damage. In addition, the Chamber honored Cobb's Top 25 small businesses of 2009.

More than 1,000 people recently attended the Chamber's sold-out Business-to-Business Expo networking with 150 exhibiting companies. Participating companies and attendees reported making numerous contacts and gaining sales leads from their involvement at the expo.

The Chamber concluded its annual two-month membership drive in June, reaching its fundraising goal. Staff and volunteers recruited 262 new businesses to "Join the Team." The final report party, a Viva Las Vegas-themed event, was held at the Chamber to celebrate the conclusion of the campaign. All campaign producers were rewarded with prizes such as trips, savings bonds and gift certificates.

### Dalton-Whitfield Chamber

*Brian Anderson, President & CEO*

The Chamber celebrated the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookout on the Corner with approximately 400 in attendance. This event is held in honor of Small Businesses and the contribution they make to the community. New to this year's Cookout was a dunking booth featuring the Chamber President, Chamber volunteers, and the Mayor for the City of Dalton.

Dalton and Whitfield County have been selected by the UGA Outreach program to be the eighth Archway Partnership Community. The Archway Partnership Project is a new way to deliver a full



**Cobb** – The Chamber recently honored Cobb's Top 25 Small Businesses of 2009.

### Dalton-Whitfield Chamber (*continued*)

range of UGA outreach resources to cities and counties facing significant issues, especially those related to community and economic development. An Archway Professional will be hired to administer the program and the professional will be housed at the Chamber. The process will begin with forming an Executive Committee and then a Listening Session / Visioning Session will be conducted and open to the public to hear about the critical issues that should be considered by the Archway Partnership Project.

### Elbert County Chamber

*Phyllis Brooks, President*

The Chamber just finished a most successful membership campaign bringing in 160 new members. This generated close to \$19,000 for the Chamber. They accomplished this within the Chamber, and they are so proud of their team leaders that helped them reach their goal.

The Chamber's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks Show will be held July 3 at Richard B. Russell State Park. The fireworks show will take place around 9:20 pm.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise-In Car Show will be held on the Downtown Square on July 11.

### Greater Columbus Chamber

*Mike Gaymon, GCCE, President & CEO*

NCR recently announced plans to locate a manufacturing, research and development facility in Columbus. NCR is set to create 870 new jobs over the next five years and will use its Columbus plant to manufacture advanced ATMs, including intelligent deposit, to drive its leadership in the North American market.

The ten county region within 35 mile range of Fort Benning's front gate is poised for huge growth from BRAC, Kia and Aflac. The Regional Growth Management Plan (RMGP) shows how this growth will impact the region over the next 20 years. The individual county plans range from 300 to more than 500 pages of information to provide a road map to each county's future.

Governor Sonny Perdue visited Fort Benning in May to sign Senate Bill 114 which will ease the transfer and transition of school-aged children of active duty military personnel. This bill deems dependent children of military personnel as Georgia residents for the purposes of receiving the HOPE scholarship. With the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Act passed, this legislation will significantly benefit the 28,000 new people coming to live in the Chattahoochee Valley over the next few years, and Senate Bill 114 ensures that these children enter Georgia schools as smoothly as possible.

## ■ CHAMBER FOLKS

### New Hire Announced at Greater Macon Chamber

**Kim Bonner** has been hired as the Chamber's new Marketing and Communications Manager.

### Executive Makes Change at Heard County Chamber

As of July 1, **Julie Pope** will relinquish her position as Chamber President and become the full-time Economic Developer for the Development Authority of Heard County. In her post as Chamber President, Julie also served on the GACCE Board of Directors. Thank you for your leadership and friendship, Julie!

### Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber Receives 4-Stars

The U. S. Chamber recently awarded the **Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber** with a 4-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community. This prestigious honor puts the TSC Chamber among the top 4% of chambers nationwide.

### Towns County Chamber Announces New Executive

The Chamber is pleased to announce the hire of **Angel Long** as their new President. Her first day with the Chamber was June 1.

## ■ GEORGIA CHAMBER

### Tickets Available for Annual Congressional Luncheon

The Chamber will host its annual Congressional Luncheon on **August 18** at the Georgia Agricenter in Perry. This year's luncheon features a panel discussion with Congressmen John Barrow, Nathan Deal, Sanford Bishop and Lynn Westmoreland, along with a special salute to Georgia's military.

Tickets for this event are available at \$50 per person, or \$400 for a table of eight.

Visit [www.gachamber.com](http://www.gachamber.com) and click on "upcoming events" for more information.

## ■ CHAMBER UPDATES

### Greater Columbus Chamber (cont.)

The 2008-2009 Leadership Columbus class graduated in June at the Green Island Country Club. Keynote speakers were Cedric Hill, Owner, People's Funeral Home and Ed Helton, The Cunningham Center for Leadership Development. This was the 27th class to graduate from Leadership Columbus.

The Small Business Week Gala was held in the new National Infantry Museum in June. More than 70 people turned out for the final event celebrating the impact of small business on the community. Two awards were presented at the Gala: The Small Business Giant of the Year was presented to Peek Pavement Marking and the Visionary Award was awarded to Goo Goo Car Wash System.

### Greater Hall Chamber

*Kit Dunlap, President & CEO*

Georgia Tech and the Chamber partnered for a two-part Inventor & Entrepreneur Seminar. The seminars were held in the Featherbone Communiversity (Lanier Technical's College Manufacturing Development Center). The seminars presented information on the following: Understanding Patents & Licensing / Invention & Entrepreneurship. The programs were well attended, and they will plan another series later in the year.

The Chamber held its Annual Awards Luncheon in May and recognized business and community leaders. The Chamber's Silver Shovel Awards were presented to individuals who have worked long and hard, beyond-the-call-of-duty, for the Chamber during the year. Recognition was given to the Small Business of the Year and Family Business of the Year. Special recognition, The Community Service Award, was presented to a business person who has given time and resources to the community.

The Touch Plan has been implemented by the Chamber as part of their membership retention plan. Staff members and Board Members are asked to touch base personally with each Chamber member two times during the year....a visit and a phone call.

The new Gainesville Business Park is near completion and is scheduled to open in early Fall 2009. The new 200 acre industrial / business park is a partnership with Patillo Construction / City of Gainesville and Hall County. The first marketing materials for the park will be distributed in the next two weeks. The Economic Development Staff of the Chamber has worked with all partners to make a successful venture.



**Greene County** – Former President George Bush recently visited for the ground breaking of a new cultural center.

### Greater Macon Chamber

*Chip Cherry, CCE, President*

The Chamber hosted a "Go Green Super Business After Hours" in April at the Armory Ballroom in downtown Macon. This was a modification of their normal monthly Business After Hours that allowed smaller companies to participate in the event, rather than taking on an entire sponsorship. The products on display included everything from organic food to hybrid cars. This tremendously successful event provided an outstanding networking opportunity, as well as a chance to see companies' initiatives supporting the green movement.

The Young Professionals Network hosted a "Lunch and Learn" with Mayor Robert Reichert. It was a great opportunity for the group to learn about Reichert's plans for the City of Macon and get to know the Mayor in a less formal environment. There was a large turnout for the event, with nearly 50 young professionals attending!

The Government Affairs Committee held a flu pandemic preparation meeting in May at the Chamber. Dr. David Harvey, District Health Director of the North Central Health District, was the guest speaker. Dr. Harvey focused on the seriousness of the H1N1 virus, including educating attendees on proactive habits which could help prevent the spread of any illness.

The Membership Department will be hosting a Party Patrol on July 28. This is an event in which Chamber members visit other members throughout the community and thank them for the work they do for the Chamber and for Macon. This is an opportunity for members to leave a gift and contact information with the business, and the chance to leave a mark on that company.

### Greene County Chamber

*Becky Cronin, President*

Greene County and the City of Greensboro assisted with a ground breaking in May for renovation of their new cultural center - Festival Hall. Former President and Mrs. Bush made an appearance just before the service as they were on their way to a meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge. The new

## CEO PROFILE



**Ross  
Bradley Day  
"Brad"**

*President*  
Tifton-Tift County  
Chamber

The Tifton-Tift County Chamber has a staff of five who serve a membership of 650.

How did you get into the Chamber business?  
Lobbying for the Greater Hall Chamber

What do you like best about your job?  
Politics

What's the biggest challenge you face in your community?  
Taking advantage of the intellectual capital in the life sciences

Who has helped you the most in becoming a successful Chamber Executive?  
Cullen Larson

What piece of advice would you give to a new Chamber Executive?  
Drive a cheap car and lease your home

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?  
An Actor, but my classmate Julie Roberts made it big instead

## GEORGIA CHAMBER

### Team Georgia Chamber Holds Annual Kick-off Luncheon

Team Georgia Chamber hosted its annual campaign kick-off luncheon on June 18 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. This event brought all campaign participants together to get energized and ready for the 21-week drive, meet their campaign team members, and gave the answers to all-important questions regarding the campaign.

Team Georgia Chamber '09 involves more than 400 volunteers, with the ultimate goal of raising \$1.8 million through memberships, sponsorships and advertisements to support the Chamber's programs and initiatives.

## CHAMBER UPDATES

### Greene County Chamber (*continued*)

cultural center is a former gymnasium that is being renovated. Festival Hall is scheduled to open in mid 2010.

### Gwinnett Chamber

*Jim Maran, President & CEO*

Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development is pleased to announce that NCR, a Fortune 500 technology company, will relocate its global headquarters to Gwinnett County expanding the company's existing Southeastern presence and creating 1,250 new jobs for the Gwinnett community.

Leaders of Partnership Gwinnett recently conducted a two-week business recruitment mission to Asia. Gwinnett Chamber President Jim Maran, Chamber Vice President of Economic Development & Partnership Gwinnett, Nick Masino, and Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Bannister joined a host of local business representatives - with ties to China and Korea - on the international delegation.

### Harris County Chamber

*Lynda Dawson, Executive Director*

The Chamber's Quarterly Meeting will be held July 23.

### LaGrange-Troup County Chamber

*Page Estes, President*

Charlie Gatlin, deputy commissioner for tourism at the Georgia Department of Economic Development, spoke at the Chamber's monthly meeting and revealed the State's campaign to have visitors "Discover the Unexpected." Currently the target audience for tourism includes families, but especially mothers who are the decision makers. He noted that the department's next target audience will be active empty nesters.

### Milledgeville-Baldwin Cty Chamber

*Tara Peters, GCCE, President*

The Chamber recently hosted its 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chamber Dinner which was held at the Magnolia



**Milledgeville** – The Chamber's first annual Bunco tournament was a great success.

### Milledgeville-Baldwin Chamber (*cont.*)

Ballroom at Georgia College & State University. Despite the current economic conditions, the Chamber had approximately 210 attendees. The night not only included an overview of the Chamber's year, but also recognized its 2008-09 Ambassador of the Year as well as the 2008-09 Small Business Owner of the Year.

In May the Chamber hosted its first annual Bunco tournament at the Milledgeville Country Club. Even though this was mainly a woman's event, some gentlemen were on hand to serve the ladies. The Chamber had around 120 participants, and everyone had a great time. The Chamber raised approximately \$7,500 on this event.

### Pike County Chamber

*Karen Brown, President*

The Chamber is pleased to announce the arrival of the Pike County community magazine. The first edition of this annual publication depicts the community, its past, present and future. It includes beautiful photography of the area as well as demographics and newcomer information that new and current citizens will find helpful. The Chamber would like to thank SouthComm Publishing for handling this project and producing such a beautiful magazine for the community.

The Chamber recently completed its annual Membership Drive; the theme of this year's drive was "Find your business treasure" and included decorations and marketing pieces with a pirate treasure hunt theme. As a result of the drive the Chamber membership now tops the 300 member mark at 313 Members!

### Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber

*Bill Rogers, Jr., President & CEO*

Get your lawn chairs and popcorn ready! On July 17, the Forest-Blade and Chamber will offer a special night of free fun for the entire family. Making its first appearance at the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Recreation Complex will be "Movies under the Stars" showing "Night At The Museum," a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox hit movie. Special Events Network from Atlanta, will set up a gigantic 30 ft screen with the latest in rear projection technology. "Movie under the Stars" produces over 250 outdoor cinema events each year from Miami, FL, to Richmond, VA.

In June members of the Chamber Board of Directors and the Joint Development Authorities co-sponsored an industry appreciation day at Stitch-N-Print in Twin City. The 75 employees were served hot dogs, chips and Cokes. "The local industry continues to grow and is a major supporter of many community activities. This is a small way we can salute them and their employees," stated Bill Rogers, Jr.

## ■ New Board Members

GACCE would like to welcome the following executives to the **2009-2010 GACCE Board of Directors:**

### Second Vice Chair / Treasurer

**Kali Boatright, President**  
Douglas County Chamber

### Directors (3-Year Terms)

**Yulonda Beauford, President & CEO**  
Clayton County Chamber

**Hollie Jones, President**  
Sylvester-Worth County Chamber

**Bill Rogers, Jr., President & CEO**  
Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber

**Ken Stoner, Director**  
Effingham County Chamber

### Appointees (1-Year Terms)

**Pam Carnes, GCCE, President & CEO**  
Cherokee County Chamber

**Catherine Glover, President & CEO**  
Albany Area Chamber

**Daniel Jackson, President & CEO**  
Carroll County Chamber

## ■ CHAMBER UPDATES

### **Sylvester-Worth County Chamber**

*Hollie Jones, President*

The Chamber is "going green!" They are currently undergoing a process to cut costs and are switching to e-mail as a means of reaching their members. They will be sending out news/updates, invitations, and other information solely via email in the future.

The Chamber will host a poker run and community BBQ on August 15.

Chamber committees are hard at work. The Membership Committee is working with the Governmental Affairs Committee on an Eggs and Issues Breakfast for September. Rep. Austin Scott has been confirmed as a speaker. The Peanut Festival Committee is up and running, and the event will take place October 17. The Retail Committee is currently working on a "Shop at Home" campaign for Worth County.

The Agriculture Committee is currently planning the annual Worth County Farmer's Appreciation Dinner. The dinner is set for November 19 at the Worth County Ag Pavilion. The Education Committee is working with the Worth County School System to reinstate the "Partners in Education" program.

### **Thomaston-Upson County Chamber**

*Lori Showalter Smith, President*

The Chamber sold its Chamber building in April and are currently renovating a building in the downtown district that they will move into some time later this month. They are currently working on a "Discovering Upson" magazine that promotes Thomaston and Upson County. The magazine will be used as a tool to recruit business and industry into Upson, but will

### **Thomaston-Upson Cty Chamber (cont.)**

also be distributed through their local newspaper in August to local residents. The Chamber is also currently working on a video to promote Upson County that should be ready for viewing next month, and they are re-vamping their Chamber web site to be more user friendly.

Upson County is proud to announce that Thomaston's own Scott Blackstock was named Georgia's 2009 Small Business Person of the Year. Mr. Blackstock can be seen gracing the cover of the Georgia Trend Small Business Guide for 2009/2010.

Through their A.M. Ambassador Program, the Chamber continues to distribute baskets and goodies each month to twelve Chamber members through local sponsorships.

### **Warner Robins Area Chamber**

*Ed Rodriguez, President & CEO*

The Chamber held its First Annual Industry Appreciation Luncheon, honoring industry throughout the Robins Region by launching a new Industry Hall of Fame and announcing industry winners in four other award categories. The luncheon served as the unveiling of the new AT&T Real Yellow Pages for the Robins Region. The directory features the new Chamber headquarters on the cover!

The Chamber was selected as one of three finalists for ACCE's Chamber of the Year Award for a Chamber of their size category. The other two finalist were in Columbus, IN and Southern Pines, NC. Ed Rodriguez and Aura Lee Durham will be attending the ACCE Annual Convention.

Plans are already in the works for the Seventh Annual Aerospace Requirements Symposium at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry.



**Chair**  
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**First Vice Chair/Secretary**  
**Second Vice Chair/Treasurer**

### Directors:

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Jim Finch, DCA  
Catherine Glover, Albany Area  
George Israel, III, Georgia Chamber  
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Hollie Jones, Sylvester-Worth County  
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