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*Legislative  
Honor Roll*

# 2007-2008 Legislative Report

# Georgia Chamber of Commerce 2008 Officers

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## A Word From the President



**“Our policy is to deliver bottom line, return-on-investment results for members of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. To win on the merits of our arguments, hard work and hustle, and with respect for legislators - Republican or Democrat, elected by the people - and with dignity and honor for the legislative process. Our team is focused on results and customer service... to our colleagues, legislators and their staff, and members of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.”**

**- George Israel  
President & CEO, Georgia Chamber of Commerce**

# Taxation and Business Incentives

The Georgia Chamber continues to work to ensure the passage of a pro-business, pro-job agenda that benefits employers, employees, property owners and consumers with the goal of making Georgia the premiere market for commerce.

## Integrated Plant Theory Bill (HB 237)

Exempts the sales tax on replacement parts for machinery and equipment necessary and integral to the manufacturing process and for pollution eliminating machinery, encouraging both modernization and investment in environmentally friendly technology. PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Energy Tax Cap (HB 272)

Caps the state tax on the purchase of energy used in the manufacturing process. Before this legislation passed, Georgia was virtually alone in failing to protect manufacturers when energy prices spike. PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Georgia Forest Land Protection Act of 2008 (HB 1211 and HR 1276)

Provides for long-term conservation of Georgia's large forests by keeping the tax burden fair for private landowners who wish to keep their property forested, encouraging investment in timber and forest property. PASSED, ON NOVEMBER BALLOT; APPROVED BY VOTERS *Supported by the GCC*

## Sales Tax Holidays (HB 948 and SB 342)

Preserves the state's "back to school" and "energy efficient product" sales tax holidays, and adds a sales tax holiday for water efficient products, creating economic stimulus and encouraging conservation. PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Tax Credits for Film and Video Production (HB 1100)

Increases income tax credits for film, video or digital productions made in Georgia, making our state more competitive as a location for this growing industry. PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Tax Credits for Teleworking (HB 1244)

Extended the time period for which companies could use tax credits to encourage employees to telework. PASSED HOUSE, HELD IN SENATE - *Supported by the GCC*

## Repeal of Ad Valorem Tax on Business Inventory (HB 124, HR 1037 and HR 1038)

Repealed ad valorem taxes from tangible personal property that constitutes the inventory of a business. HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Supported by the GCC*

## Legislators who were critical to these Georgia Chamber supported efforts included:



Representative  
Jeff Lewis  
R-Cartersville



Representative  
Chuck Martin  
R-Alpharetta



Representative  
Larry O'Neal  
R-Perry



Senator  
Chip Rogers  
R-Woodstock



Representative  
Richard Royal  
R-Camilla



Representative  
Ron Stephens  
R-Savannah

**Also:** Representative Mickey Channell, R-Greensboro  
Senator Tim Golden, D-Valdosta  
Representative Jerry Keen, R-St. Simons

Representative Butch Parrish, R-Swainsboro  
Representative DuBose Porter, D-Dublin  
Representative Jay Roberts, R-Ocilla  
Representative Calvin Smyre, D-Columbus

# Health Care

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce believes that an affordable, effective health system is critical to our quality of life and future economic development but costs should be distributed in a way that does not place an undue burden on business.

## Certificate of Need (SB 433)

Modernizes Georgia's Certificate of Need laws through a 72-page compromise bill.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW

## Trauma Care Funding (HB 989, HB 1158 and SB 125)

A number of proposals designed to create a permanent source of funding for Georgia's trauma care network were debated. While there was no final funding agreement on these proposals, over \$60 million was included in the FY08 Supplemental Budget.  
FUNDING INCLUDED IN BUDGET  
*Supported by the GCC*

## Medicaid Reimbursement (HB 990)

Provides for an increase in the Medicare reimbursement rate to hospitals and nursing homes.  
PASSED AS PART OF FY09 BUDGET - *Supported by the GCC*

## Health Insurance Availability (HB 977)

Provides tax breaks for the use of high-deductible insurance policies coupled with health savings accounts. Employers get a \$250 tax credit per enrolled worker and individuals earn a tax deduction  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Insuring Georgia's Families Act (SB 383)

Allows the Commissioner of Insurance to adopt policies to promote, approve and encourage health savings account eligible high-deductible plans in Georgia.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*



Senator Cecil Staton, one of the leaders of the fight for trauma care funding.

# Education

## Commission for School Board Excellence

Formed by request of the State Board of Education, The Commission for School Board Excellence was a joint effort between the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and AdvancED and included a diverse group of business leaders, educators, and school board experts. The 90-day task force was charged with recommending ways to strengthen school boards across Georgia and presented its final recommendations to the State Board of education in September. Legislation based on the recommendations is expected in 2009.  
*Supported by the GCC*

The Georgia Chamber is committed to excellence in education and workforce development so that companies have the talent they need to stay competitive.

## Increased Local Flexibility (HB 1209)

Allows local school systems increased flexibility from certain state laws and regulations in exchange for increased accountability.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

# Environment & Energy

In 2008, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, under the guidance of our Environment & Energy Policy Committee, worked to ensure the passage of a comprehensive statewide water plan and several other key measures that will help to preserve our state's natural resources and address our future energy needs.

## Reservoir Building Program (SB 342 introduced as HB 1226)

Establishes the Georgia Reservoir Construction Fund to provide grants and loans to communities throughout the state and streamline permitting process for reservoir construction. Also creates the "water efficient sales tax holiday" for products for non-commercial use up to \$1,500.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Plan (HR 1022, SR 701)

Multi-year plan that addresses the demands placed upon Georgia's water resources by cities, agriculture, business and industry. Includes the creation of eleven Regional Water Councils, each of which will have 25 members appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House. The plan is fully consistent with the charge of the enabling legislation: "... manage Georgia's water resources in a sustainable manner to support the state's economy, to protect public health and natural systems, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens."

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Statewide Standard for Water Restrictions (HB 1281)

Creates one statewide standard for restrictions during times of drought thus avoiding a patchwork maze of hundreds of different local standards. Allows cities, counties and local water authorities to petition the director of the state Environmental Protection Division for exemptions. Prohibits restrictions on filling swimming pools unless there is not enough water for humans, farms or industries.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Expansion of Fuel Capacity (SB 173)

Implemented measures to increase petroleum pipeline capacity in Georgia in order to ensure an adequate supply of domestic fuel.

PASSED SENATE, HELD BY HOUSE - *Supported by the GCC*

**"As Georgia continues to grow and prosper, it is incumbent upon us to develop a comprehensive statewide plan that addresses our long-term water needs and conservation efforts. Water nourishes our environment and is a major driving force of our state's economy."**



- Gov. Sonny Perdue



## Oversight of Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) (SB 352)

Places the state EPD under the same legislative oversight as all other state agencies, allowing the General Assembly to override proposals that are not developed in compliance with legislative intent or federal rules and regulations.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*



**Lake Lanier at it's lowest level since creation.** Now that a statewide water plan has passed, the Georgia Chamber's focus will shift to assisting the state with its implementation. This includes clarification of our organization's position on specific water resource issues, identification of programs or initiatives that may assist Chamber members in meeting the challenges outlined in the water plan, and outreach to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, to offer assistance as they work to make sure the plan is carried out in full, on time and within budget.

### Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (HB 463)

Creates new rights of redress and appeal to aggrieved persons or businesses during the permitting process of the state Department of Natural Resources. Prohibits any local government from implementing standards in conflict with those established by the state. Clarifies the number of on-site personnel responsible for sediment and erosion control and outlines training requirements. PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

### Revisions to the Endangered Species Act (SR 1052)

Urges Congress to update and revise the federal Endangered Species Act so appropriate standards are used to identify protected species and development is not hindered as a result of outdated guidelines. PASSED - *Supported by the GCC*

### Removal of Moratorium on Deep-Ocean Energy Exploration (HR 1017)

Urges Congress to remove the moratorium on deep-ocean energy exploration to lessen America's dependence on foreign sources of energy. HELD BY COMMITTEE - *Supported by the GCC*

### Diesel Fuel Requirements (HB 1146)

While the Georgia Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the use and development of alternative fuels including bio-derived sources, this bill was contrary to the organization's position on government mandates and therefore was opposed as filed. HELD BY COMMITTEE - *Opposed by the GCC*

## Legislators who were critical to these Georgia Chamber supported efforts included:



Senator  
John Bulloch  
R-Ochlocknee



Representative  
Mike Coan  
R-Lawrenceville



Representative  
Tom McCall  
R-Elberton



Senator  
Chip Pearson  
R-Dawsonville



Speaker  
Glenn Richardson  
R-Hiram



Representative  
Lynn Smith  
R-Newnan



Senator  
Ross Tolleson  
R-Perry

# Economic Development

The Georgia Chamber takes great pride in our state's strong, pro-business climate and works closely with the members of the legislature each year to ensure that our state continues to support existing business and attract new companies.

## Tax Allocation Districts (SR 996)

Allows the continued use of tax allocation districts (TADs) for redevelopment of blighted areas, creating jobs, increasing the tax base and benefiting local school systems.

PASSED, APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

*Supported by the GCC*

## Georgia Smart Infrastructure Growth Act (SB 200)

Allows for the creation of Infrastructure Development Districts (IDDs), which allow local governments to pay for necessary public infrastructure in undeveloped areas without impacting the existing tax base.

PASSED, REJECTED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER BALLOT



## "Made in Georgia" (SB 359)

Establishes a "Made in Georgia" marketing and labeling program to promote goods and products manufactured in our state.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Consumer Choice in Television Act (HB 227)

Provides for the expedited franchising of cable and video services for the benefit of consumers.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Sunday Local Option Alcohol Sales (SB 138)

Allowed voters to decide by local referenda if retail alcohol sales should be permitted on Sunday, removing a prohibition that keeps Georgia at a competitive disadvantage with our neighboring states, who permit this local option.

NOVOTE IN HOUSE OR SENATE - *Supported by the GCC*

## Manufacturing Study Committees (SR 1097 and HR 1364)

Creates study committees to examine the future of manufacturing in Georgia.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Georgia Tourism Development Act (HB 451 - 2007 and HB 1129 - 2008)

Provided for tax incentives for companies making significant investments in destination and tourist attractions in Georgia.

PASSED, VETOED BY GOVERNOR - *Supported by the GCC*

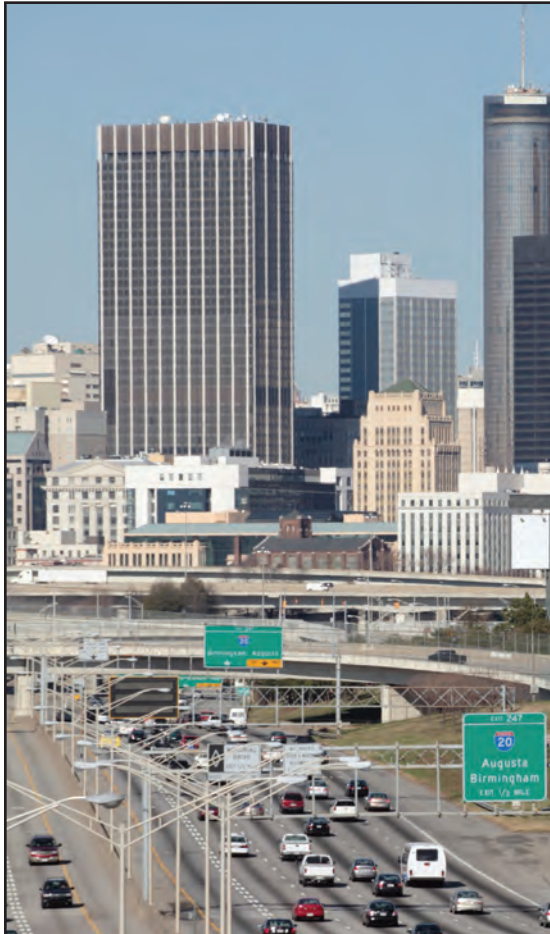
### Legislators who were critical to these Georgia Chamber supported efforts included:

Senator Don Balfour, R-Snellville  
Senator John Bulloch, R-Ocklocknee  
Representative Mark Burkhalter, R-Alpharetta  
Representative Earl Ehrhart, R-Powder Springs  
Senator Tim Golden, D-Valdosta  
Senator Johnny Grant, R-Milledgeville  
Senator Seth Harp, R-Columbus  
Representative Jerry Keen, R-St. Simons  
Representative Jeff Lewis, R-Cartersville  
Representative Chuck Martin, R-Alpharetta  
Senator Michael Meyer von Bremen, D-Albany  
Senator Dan Moody, R-Alpharetta  
Senator Jeff Mullis, R-Chickamauga  
Representative Larry O'Neal, R-Perry

Representative Butch Parrish, R-Swainsboro  
Senator Chip Pearson, R-Dawsonville  
Senator Kasim Reed, D-Atlanta  
Speaker Glenn Richardson, R-Hiram  
Senator Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock  
Senator David Shafer, R-Duluth  
Representative Ron Stephens, R-Savannah  
Senator Doug Stoner, D-Smyrna  
Senator Ed Tarver, D-Augusta  
Senator Don Thomas, R-Dalton  
Senator Curt Thompson, D-Norcross  
Representative Stan Watson, D-Decatur  
Senator Dan Weber, R-Dunwoody  
Representative Roger Williams, R-Dalton

# Transportation

Addressing our state's transportation needs is one of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's highest priorities, and we continue to work with leaders at every level of government to put plans into place that will reduce congestion, provide needed infrastructure and enhance our quality of life.



**“How many people are missing a part of their family’s lives? How many people could be home with their families or at the game with their son, that are sitting in traffic?”**

**- Speaker Glenn Richardson**

## Legislators who were critical to these Georgia Chamber supported efforts included:



Senator  
Jeff Mullis  
R-Chickamauga



Representative  
Donna Sheldon  
R-Dacula



Representative  
Vance Smith  
R-Pine Mountain



Senator  
Doug Stoner  
D-Smyrna

### Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Act (HB 1019)

Establishes a state account to assist in financing qualified projects by providing loans and other financial assistance to governments for constructing and improving highway and transportation facilities.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

### Transportation Funding (SR 845)

Established a framework for a new source of regional transportation funding, giving county governments the ability to propose, for approval by the voters, a one-cent sales tax to be used for transportation improvements.

FAILED FINAL PASSAGE - *Supported by the GCC*

# Legal Reform, Property Rights and Employment Law

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce works to ensure that laws, rules and regulations are developed in a way that is fair to all business.

## Private Property and Employer Rights (HB 89 as amended)

The 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions saw much debate about an employer's right to determine if employees could bring concealed weapons onto their property. The Georgia Chamber helped to defeat two bills (HB 998, SB 43) that would have eliminated the rights of a property owner to determine their own safety guidelines and ensured that the bill that passed preserved an employer's rights over such policies in the workplace.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Opposed by the GCC*

## Corporate Good Samaritan Act (SB 305)

Provides liability protection to businesses and non-profits that render aid as a result of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, pandemic diseases or other emergencies. Encourages organizations to assist the state when called upon in the case of emergency.  
PASSED AS PART OF HB 89 - *Supported by the GCC*

## Civil Justice Reform (SB 286)

Removed the requirement that plaintiff's attorneys must prove that emergency room doctors acted with gross negligence, reversing critical reforms passed in 2005 as part of the Georgia Chamber's efforts to end frivolous litigation.  
HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Opposed by the GCC*

**"To be fired up, (the free market) must be freed up."**

**- George Israel,  
President & CEO of Georgia Chamber**

## Seat Belts as Evidence (HB 200, HB 872)

Allowed the failure of a driver to comply with state law by failing to wear a seat belt to be admitted into evidence as a contributing factor in the consideration of awards for medical and compensatory damages.  
HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Supported by the GCC*

## Organized Retail Theft (HB 1346)

Creates the offense of organized retail theft.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*



Senator Ed Tarver (Augusta), lawyer-legislator & Georgia Chamber of Commerce Board member, works to ensure a fair, balanced judicial system.

## Metal Theft (SB 203)

Strengthens penalties for the crime of metal theft, allowing prosecution for the actual cost of returning property to original conditions, as many of these thefts dramatically hurt the surrounding property value.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

## Drug-Free Workplace (SB 96)

Strengthens Georgia's drug-free workplace laws to provide for on site testing and oral testing.  
PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

### Car Insurance Options (SB 276)

Increases competition within the car insurance market by reducing regulation and giving consumers more options in the marketplace.

PASSED, SIGNED INTO LAW - *Supported by the GCC*

### Restrictions on Outdoor Advertising (SB 256)

Would allow outdoor advertisers to lower the height of signs on highways and interstates.

HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Supported by the GCC*

### Regulation of Private Market Health Insurance (HB 923)

Granted more power to state regulators over private market health insurance plans.

HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Opposed by the GCC*

### Additional Government Mandated Employee Leave (HB 901)

Mandated that employers with as few as four employees provide an additional 24 hours of government-mandated leave per year, which could be broken into two hour increments and used above and beyond personal days, sick days, vacation days and FMLA.

HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Opposed by the GCC*

### Call Center Location Requirements (SB 214)

Required that any call center operated by or behalf of a state department or agency be physically located in the United States, micromanaging these functions and potentially driving up costs.

HELD IN COMMITTEE - *Opposed by the GCC*

### Free Credit Reports (HB 35, HB 38, HB 130, and SB 361)

Created mandates regarding the provision of credit reports and "file freezing," both of which are already offered by national credit reporting agencies. The Georgia Chamber opposed all of these bills on the principle that government should not be setting pricing of private-market products in a competitive free market.

*Opposed by the GCC*

### Increase to Minimum Wage (SB 13, HB 572, HB 845 and HB 882)

Arbitrarily created new government-mandated private sector salaries.

ALL FAILED - *Opposed by the GCC*

## Legislators who played a key role in maintaining a fair and impartial business environment included:

Senator David Adelman, D-Atlanta  
Senator Don Balfour, R-Snellville  
Representative Tim Bearden, R-Villa Rica  
Representative Mark Burkhalter, R-Johns Creek  
Senator Joseph Carter, R-Tifton  
Representative Mike Coan, R-Lawrenceville  
Senator Bill Cowsert, R-Athens  
Senator John Douglas, R-Social Circle  
Representative Earl Ehrhart, R-Powder Springs  
Representative Barry Fleming, R-Harlem  
Representative Harry Geisinger, R-Roswell  
Senator Tim Golden, D-Valdosta  
Senator Johnny Grant, R-Milledgeville  
Senator Bill Hamrick, R-Carrollton  
Representative Ben Harbin, R-Evans  
Senator Judson Hill, R-Marietta  
Senator Ralph Hudgens, R-Hull  
Senator Eric Johnson, R-Savannah  
Representative Kevin Levitas, D-Atlanta  
Representative Ed Lindsey, R-Atlanta  
Representative Billy Maddox, R-Zebulon  
Senator Michael Meyer von Bremen, D-Albany  
Senator Dan Moody, R-Dunwoody  
Representative Allen Peake, R-Macon  
Representative David Ralston, R-Blue Ridge  
Representative Matt Ramsey, R-Peachtree City  
Senator Kasim Reed, D-Atlanta  
Representative Tom Rice, R-Norcross  
Speaker Glenn Richardson, R-Hiram  
Senator Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock  
Senator Sen. David Shafer, R-Duluth  
Senator Preston Smith, R-Rome  
Senator Ed Tarver, R-Augusta  
Senator John Wiles, R-Marietta  
Representative Wendell Willard, R-Sandy Springs  
Senator Tommie Williams, R-Lyons

# Legislators of the Year

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce awarded its first Legislator of the Year honors in 2007. This award recognizes those legislators who have gone above and beyond to champion the issues most important to the business community and who proactively worked to strengthen Georgia's business climate, promote economic development and encourage job creation. The leaders recognized with this award have demonstrated a true willingness to stand up and fight for the free enterprise system and the business community.

## *2007 Legislators of the Year*



Senator  
Don Balfour



Senator  
Tim Golden



Senator  
John Douglas



Representative  
Jeff Lewis



Representative  
Chuck Martin

## *2008 Legislators of the Year*



Representative  
Earl Erhart



Representative  
Larry O'Neal



Senator  
Chip Rogers



Representative  
Jay Shaw



Senator  
Ross Tolleson

# Lifetime Achievement Awards

In 2008, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce recognized the following legislators for their unwavering support of our state's business community throughout their careers in the General Assembly.



## Representative Barry Fleming

Representative Fleming retired from the State Capitol after three terms to run for Congress in 2008 – having fought for Georgia's business community on countless occasions. An attorney by trade, he was one of the prime forces behind passage of tort reform in 2005 and a shepherd for some of the most complex and difficult issues in the General Assembly. Fleming represented Lincoln County and parts of Columbia and Wilkes counties. His departure from the House creates a void that will be difficult to fill.



## Senator Eric Johnson

Senator Johnson has built a record of distinction as a tireless advocate of free-market legislation in his 16 years in the General Assembly. Under his tenure in the Senate, where he became Minority Leader in 1999 and President Pro Tem in 2003, the legislature has passed bills benefiting a wide variety of Georgia industries; lowered the tax and regulatory burden on companies of all sizes; and improved the legal climate for employers. Johnson represents Bryan County and parts of Chatham and Liberty counties, where he is an architect and developer.



## Representative Richard Royal

Representative Royal, chairman of the House Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee and former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, was for many years the legislator to whom all others turned for guidance and leadership on tax policy. A brilliant and knowledgeable lawmaker whose soft-spoken style won the admiration of all who worked with him, Royal will be greatly missed as he retires from the legislature in 2008. He represented Mitchell County and part of Colquitt County.

# Legislative Honor Roll

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce wishes to honor those legislators who consistently supported the issues important to our organization throughout the legislative process in 2007 and 2008 including subcommittee, committee and floor votes. This Honor Roll was compiled after close review of how individual members voted on those bills for which the Georgia Chamber of Commerce took a position on behalf of its membership.

Senators and Representatives scoring 81% or better (As or Bs) on Georgia Chamber of Commerce Issues

\* It is important to note that this Honor Roll only reflects activity during the 2007 – 2008 session of the General Assembly and does not consider prior voting history.

\*\* Beginning in 2009, a 90% average will be required to be named to the GCC Honor Roll.

## 2007-2008 SENATE HONOR ROLL

| Name (Last, First) | Name (Last, First)        |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Adelman, David     | Jones, Emanuel            |
| Balfour, Don       | Meyer von Bremen, Michael |
| Bulloch, John      | Moody, Dan                |
| Carter, Joseph     | Mullis, Jeff              |
| Chance, Ronnie     | Murphy, Jack              |
| Chapman, Jeff      | Pearson, Chip             |
| Cowsert, Bill      | Reed, Kasim               |
| Douglas, John      | Rogers, Chip              |
| Goggans, Greg      | Seabaugh, Mitch           |
| Golden, Tim        | Shafer, David             |
| Grant, Johnny      | Smith, Preston            |
| Hamrick, Bill      | Staton, Cecil             |
| Harbison, Ed       | Stoner, Doug              |
| Harp, Seth         | Tarver, Ed                |
| Hawkins, Lee       | Thomas, Don               |
| Heath, Bill        | Thompson, Steve           |
| Hill, Jack         | Tolleson, Ross            |
| Hill, Judson       | Unterman, Renee           |
| Hooks, George      | Weber, Dan                |
| Hudgens, Ralph     | Whitehead, Jim            |
| Jackson, Bill      | Wiles, John               |
| Johnson, Eric      | Williams, Tommie          |

# 2007-2008 HOUSE HONOR ROLL

| Name (Last, First) | Name (Last, First)    | Name (Last, First)   |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Amerson, Amos      | Harbin, Ben           | Parham, Bobby        |
| Barnard, Terry     | Hatfield, Mark        | Parrish, Butch       |
| Bearden, Tim       | Heard, John           | Parsons, Don         |
| Benton, Tommy      | Hembree, Bill         | Peake, Allen         |
| Black, Ellis       | Hill, Calvin          | Porter, DuBose       |
| Bridges, Ben       | Hill, Cecily          | Powell, Alan         |
| Burkhalter, Mark   | Holt, Doug            | Pruett, Jimmy        |
| Burns, Jon         | Horne, Billy          | Ralston, David       |
| Butler, Mark       | Houston, Penny        | Ramsey, Matt         |
| Byrd, Charlice     | Hudson, Sistie        | Randall, Nikki       |
| Carter, Amy        | Jackson, Lester       | Reese, Bobby         |
| Carter, Buddy      | Jacobs, Mike          | Rice, Tom            |
| Casas, David       | James, Lynmore        | Richardson, Glenn    |
| Chambers, Jill     | Jerguson, Sean        | Roberts, Jay         |
| Channell, Mickey   | Jones, Jan            | Rogers, Carl         |
| Cheokas, Mike      | Kaiser, Margaret      | Royal, Richard       |
| Coan, Mike         | Keen, Jerry           | Rynders, Ed          |
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| Coleman, Brooks    | Knight, David         | Scott, Martin        |
| Collins, Doug      | Knox, Tom             | Sellier, Tony        |
| Cooper, Sharon     | Lakly, Dan (deceased) | Setzler, Ed          |
| Cox, Clay          | Lane, Bob             | Shaw, Jay            |
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| Davis, Hardie      | Levitas, Kevin        | Shipp, Robbin        |
| Day, Burke         | Lewis, Jeff           | Sims, Barbara        |
| Dempsey, Katie     | Lindsey, Edward       | Sims, Chuck          |
| Dickson, Tom       | Loudermilk, Barry     | Sims, Freddie Powell |
| Dollar, Matt       | Lunsford, John        | Smith, Bob           |
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| England, Terry     | Manning, Judy         | Smith, Tommy         |
| Epps, Carl         | Martin, Chuck         | Smith, Vance         |
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| Fleming, Barry     | May, Jeff             | Stephens, Ron        |
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| Floyd, Johnny      | McKillip, Doug        | Teilbet, Rob         |
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| Forster, Ron       | Millar, Fran          | Walker, Len          |
| Freeman, Allen     | Mills, James          | Watson, Stan         |
| Gardner, Pat       | Mitchell, Billy       | Wilkinson, Joe       |
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