

Georgia insight

Sue Ella Deadwyler
4168 Rue Antoinette
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083
www.GeorgiaInsight.org
"She hath done what she could."
Mark 14:8a

Conservatives Must Vote in Run-Off Races August 10th

Democrat Party – One Run-Off Race, 2 Candidates

For Secretary of State

Gail Buckner, with 119,891 votes (35.1 %), was a representative for 16 years and one-term senator (2009 – 2010). She has honors from the NAACP Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition and Georgia Public Health officials. Her S.R. 1589 (2010) passed, commemorating Clayton County's observance of the National Day of Prayer. She introduced S.B. 134 (2009) to replace the constitutionally mandated Electoral College and install a national popular vote. It died.

Georganna Sinkfield, with 77,347 votes (22.6 %), has served in the House since 1983 and is senior tenured woman there. She was honored by the NAACP and chaired the Legislative Black Caucus. She was appointed to Georgia's Supreme Court Commission on Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Court System. She introduced H.R. 1444 to declare February 17, 2010 Lupus Awareness Day at the Capitol, and it passed. Her H.R. 886 to study student uniforms in schools did not pass.

Republican Party – Eight Run-Off Races, 16 Candidates

For Governor

Karen Handel, with 231,959 votes (34.1 %), is viewed as conservative by 44 % of voters, moderate by 30 % and liberal by 14 %. She moved from D.C. into Georgia 13 years ago, served as president of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, resigned (2003) to run for Chairman of Fulton County Board of Commissioners. She won. While there, she voted with the Commission to approve grants to Planned Parenthood. During her Commission term, she resigned (2006) to run for Secretary of State and won. Less than three years into her four-year term, she resigned (2009) to run for governor.

She did not return the Eagle Forum survey.

Though she believes life begins at conception, her pro-life position in a nutshell is this: she views abortion from the woman's perspective, but not from the baby's perspective. During her campaign for governor, she refused to appear on stage with the other gubernatorial candidates, if Candidate McBerry was scheduled to participate. At such forums, an empty podium accentuated her absence as the other six Republicans discussed issues. A post Primary **Rasmussen** poll shows her at 45 % of the November vote in a face-off with Barnes, who polled at 44 %.

Nathan Deal received 155,920 votes (22.9 %). Voters rank him conservative by 54 % moderate by 21 % and liberal by 11 %. He believes in the sanctity of life and that life begins at conception and his pro-life voting record is 98 % - 100 %; a lifetime NRA rating of A and an A rating from Gun Owners of America. He is a native Georgian with a distinguished career as captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, Georgia prosecutor, juvenile court judge, state senator (5 terms) and U.S. Congressman (9 terms). The National Journal named him one of 10 most conservative in Congress. Non-partisan OnTheIssues.org rates him a "Hard Core Conservative."

He scored 100 on the Eagle Forum survey.

In Congress, he voted YES to: constitutionally define marriage as one-man-one-woman (2006); constitutionally ban same-sex marriage (2004); constitutionally ban gay adoptions (1999); protect the Pledge of Allegiance (2004); prohibit flag desecration (2003); build a fence on Mexican border (2006); report illegal aliens receiving hospital treatment (2004); permanently repeal the marriage tax penalty (2000, 2004); make permanent Bush's tax cuts (2002); eliminate the Estate Tax ("death tax") (2001); a \$99 billion tax cut on capital gains & income (2002); \$46 billion in tax cuts for small business (2000). Endorsed by Cobb campaign steering committees of runners-up (Johnson, Oxendine and Chapman). **4 Rasmussen** polls put Deal over Barnes, with latest polling Deal 49%, Barnes 43 %, head-to-head.

August 2010

For Commissioner of Insurance

Ralph Hudgens received 117,440 votes (20.7 %) in the Primary, after serving two decades in the General Assembly – 14 years in the House of Representatives and six in the Senate, where he continues as Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee until the 2010 term ends. Of several bills on the same issue, his S.B. 411, protecting Georgians against Obama’s health care, was the only one that passed (2010). It states, “No law or rule or regulation shall compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system.”

He co-sponsored S.R. 326 (2005), that was adopted by the Senate, to encourage support for displays of the Ten Commandments as a constitutional acknowledgment of God by local governments and the State of Georgia. He co-sponsored the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative (2006) that passed to create a blood bank for postnatal tissue and fluid, allow contributions through income tax returns and prohibit human cloning. He scored 100 on the Eagle Forum survey.

Endorsements: Medical Association of Georgia (MAG), Independent Insurance Agents (“Big I”), Dental Association’s Board of Governors, multiple mayors, county commissioners and sheriffs, as well as Tom Knox and Gerry Purcell, third and fourth runners-up for Insurance Commissioner.

Maria Sheffield, who received 111,288 votes (19.6 %), is of counsel with Burr and Forman, which was named to the National Law Journal’s NLJ 250 list of the nation’s top law firms. In her seven years in private practice she has focused on regulatory and corporate insurance law, public policy, government relations and coverage. For six years she was Legislative Liaison and Legal Counsel to the Georgia Department of Insurance. Scored 100 on the Eagle Forum survey.

She is admitted to practice in Georgia (2000), the District of Columbia (2005) and Arkansas (2007). Her admissions to court include the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; U.S. District Court, Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia; Georgia Court of Appeals; Georgia Supreme Court; District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and U.S. Supreme Court.

For Public Service Commission, District 2 – Eastern

Tim Echols received 185,914 votes (35.1 %). He founded the non-profit TeenPact (sic) Leadership School to train young people in government and political activism. TeenPact training includes lobby techniques, communication skills and effective campaigning. On his Eagle Forum survey he requested that we print his explanation for supporting a constitutional convention. He said:

“I support allowing a Convention to repeal the 16th Amendment or balance the budget or for a human life amendment or marriage amendment since the Federal Government will not do it.”

He answered correctly on 28 of the 29 Eagle Forum survey questions.

[Please read: Even when 28 of the 29 questions are answered correctly on the Eagle Forum survey, the other questions become moot, if delegates to a convention decide to write a new constitution. The only authority for a convention is Article V of the U.S. Constitution, which does not restrict, regulate or limit it. Therefore, the U.S. Constitution could be discarded and replaced with an un-American document, such as “THE NEWSTATES OF AMERICA,” produced by a ten-year study subsidized by taxpayers at \$2,500,000 per year to the tax-exempt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions and more than 100 study participants. “NEWSTATES” eliminates the U.S. representative republic and establishes regional government. It was published in 1974 in Rexford Tugwell’s book *The Emerging Constitution*.]

John Douglas received 45,908 votes (27.6 %). His service: U.S. Army (1977 – 1994), Newton County School Board (1998 – 2002); Georgia House of Representatives (2002 – 2004) until his election to Senate District 17 (2004); Chairman of the Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee, until his term ends in January. He scored 100 on the Eagle Forum survey.

He co-sponsored S.B. 172 (2005) to require drivers’ license applicants to present valid documentation of U.S. citizenship or legal immigrant status. It didn’t pass. He co-sponsored S.R. 108 recognizing the contributions of home education and declaring February 10, 2005 as Home School Day at the Capitol. It passed. He co-sponsored S.B. 429 (2006) to require onsite ultrasound or sonogram equipment at abortion facilities or on referral. It passed the Senate but died in the House. He introduced S.B. 14 (2009) to prohibit persons on national or state sex offender registries from running for or serving on local school boards. It passed and the governor signed it April 30, 2009.

Attorney General

Sam Olens received 229,511 votes (39.9 %). He is the immediate past Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners to which he was elected in August 2002. In December 2004 he was elected Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Also, he is Vice Chairman of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. In 2003 he was appointed by Governor Perdue to represent Congressional District 6 for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Awards: Tom Bradley Leadership Award by the National Association of Regional Councils (2008); Excellence in Public Service Award by the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute (2007); Liberty Bell Award from the Cobb Bar Association (2005) and recent Volunteer of the Year by the United Way of Cobb County. For the past six years, he has been named one of the “100 Most Influential Georgians” by Georgia Trend magazine. He scored 100 on Eagle Forum Survey.

He has practiced law in Georgia for over 25 years in both state and federal courts; has been a partner of Olens & Ezor, PC, since 1983. He is admitted to the Georgia and District of Columbia Bars, the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Preston Smith, who received 176,443 votes (30.6 %), was first elected to the Georgia Senate from District 52 in 2002. While at Baylor University, he was inducted into the Management National Honor Society and earned his law degree at the University of Georgia School of Law. At UGA he was Chief Justice of the Law School Honor Court, ranked among the top ten orators at the ABA National Moot Court Competition and served in the Gwinnett County District Attorney’s office in the prosecutorial clinic.

As a senator, he was Administration Floor Leader for Governor Perdue and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He chaired the Legislative Oversight Committee of the statewide Public Defenders Standards Council, overseeing Georgia’s new criminal defense system for the indigent. As Chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee he was overseer of budgets of the Judiciary and served on the State Bar of Georgia’s Committee on Legislation and the State Bar’s Commission on Judicial Service, as well as the Georgia Supreme Court Committee on Legal Education.

He co-sponsored S.B. 308 (2010) to permit individuals with weapons licenses to carry weapons in parks, historic sites, or recreational areas. It passed and was signed by the governor June 4, 2010. He introduced S.R. 49 (2009) to protect Georgia’s right-to-work status and it passed. He co-sponsored S.R. 1506 supporting the National Day of Prayer and urging courts to uphold its constitutionality. It died in committee. He co-sponsored S.B. 204 to provide an exclusive means of adopting human embryos. It died in committee. He co-sponsored S.B. 235 (2009) prohibiting forced microchip implants. It died in the House. He scored 100 on the Eagle Forum survey.

U.S. Representative, District 7

Rob Woodall, who received 27,634 votes (36.3 %), was chief of staff for U.S. Representative Linder and will continue supporting the fair tax. Says he was a “ghost” on the first Linder/Boortz book, but his name was added to their next fair tax book. Though he does not live in District 7, he will soon have a residence in Lawrenceville. Despite his “longtime residency abroad,” he’s a native Georgian, was born in Athens, grew up in Avondale and DeKalb County, then graduated from Furman University and the UGA School of Law. He did not return the Eagle Forum survey.

Jody Hice received 20,031 votes (26.3 %). He founded the syndicated 400-station Jody Hice show and Let Freedom Ring Ministries, Inc. He created Ten Commandments – Georgia, Inc. to raise money to defend against the ACLU lawsuit forcing removal of a Ten Commandments display from the Barrow County Court House. He served Georgia Baptist Convention as First Vice President (2004 – 05) and was Senior Pastor of Bethlehem First Baptist Church until his resignation (April 2010). In 2008 he was one of 33 U.S. pastors who participated in “Pulpit Freedom Sunday,” challenging an IRS threat to churches and pastors who address certain moral or political issues from the pulpit. He scored 100 on the Eagle Forum survey.

U.S. Representative, District 9

Tom Graves received 38,841 votes (49.5 %) and represented Georgia House District 12 (2003 – March 2010) until he resigned to run in a Special Election in Congressional District 9 on June 8, 2010. He won. Both the Georgia Retail Association and the American Legislative Exchange Council named him legislator of the year in 2009 for his work in the Georgia General Assembly. He introduced H.B. 481, “The JOBS Act of 2009” that passed, but the governor vetoed it. His H.B. 482 (2009) eliminating taxes on business inventory DID pass and was signed by the governor. He co-sponsored H.R. 187 (2009), declaring February 4, 2009 Home Education Day at the Capitol. He did not return the Eagle Forum survey.

Lee Hawkins, with 20,952 votes (26.7 %), has been a family dentist since 1978 and senator from District 49 since 2006. In 2007 he sponsored S.B. 236 amending victim rights in identity fraud and S.B. 23 to determine citizenship of prisoners in the U.S. Both passed. In 2009 he co-sponsored S.B. 14 prohibiting individuals registered as sex offenders from serving on local school boards. It passed, as did S.B. 136 requiring proof of prisoner citizenship and deportation of non-citizens. He indicates support for a constitutional convention – the most dangerous amendment process. He answered correctly on the other 28 questions on the Eagle Forum survey.

[Please read: Even when 28 of the 29 questions are answered correctly on the Eagle Forum survey, the other questions become moot, if delegates to a convention decide to write a new constitution. The only authority for a convention is Article V of the U.S. Constitution, which does not restrict, regulate or limit it. Therefore, the U.S. Constitution could be discarded and replaced with an un-American document, such as “THE NEWSTATES OF AMERICA,” produced by a ten-year study subsidized by taxpayers at \$2,500,000 per year to the tax-exempt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions and more than 100 study participants. “NEWSTATES” eliminates the U.S. representative republic and establishes regional government. It was published in 1974 in Rexford Tugwell’s book *The Emerging Constitution*.]

U.S. Representative, District 12

Raymond McKinney, who received 11,707 votes (42.6 %), worked at Gulfstream Aerospace in Chatham County until 1985, then became a machinist in a nuclear and chemical servicing company and, ultimately, advanced to vice president. In 2008 he ran for Congressional District 12, but did not win. He scored 100 on the EF survey.

Carl Smith, who received 7,677 votes (27.9 %), has been a Fire Chief in Chatham County for the past 16 years. Elected to two terms on the Thunderbolt City Council (1997, 2005), he served as finance chair and enhanced police and fire department capabilities. He served multiple terms as President of the Savannah Firefighters Association, Chatham County Fire Chiefs Association and the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs. In June 2007 he was elected to serve as President of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, a division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He did not return the Eagle Forum survey.

For U.S. Representative, District 13

Mike Crane received 7,234 votes (29.4 %). He has a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech (1986). He is a member of the National Association of Homebuilders and a licensed general contractor in Georgia, a licensed builder in Florida. Before starting his own construction company, he was general manager of an Atlanta area construction company that completed over \$80 million in projects.

He did not return the Eagle Forum survey.

Deborah Honeycutt received 6,538 votes (26.6 %). In 2006 and 2008 she ran for Congressional District 13, but didn’t win. She is a family doctor with degrees from the University of Illinois School of Medicine and Family Practice Residency Program. She is past Medical Director of Spelman College Health Services and present Medical Director of Clayton State University Services. In 2005 she served as Medical Director of the Good Shepherd free clinic in Morrow, Georgia. She did not return the Eagle Forum survey.

Georgia Insight is a conservative publication financed entirely by its recipients.