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REPRESENTATIVE DARLENE TAYLOR WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION TO THE GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Vows to continue to advocate strongly for our Values, our Agriculture Businesses and Economic Development.

Representative Darlene Taylor is delighted to announce that she will seek re-election as the legislator representing the constituents of Southwest Georgia who reside in House District 173.

"It is a privilege and an honor to serve as the voice for the citizens of the 173rd House District, and it is a responsibility that I take very seriously. I humbly ask for your continued support and vote in the 2014 election," Taylor said.

Commenting on the legislative experience she has gained to date, Taylor says she has gained considerable insight and knowledge into the legislative process for which she has been very active. This legislative experience in conjunction with her thirty plus years as a successful business owner are crucial now and will continue to serve Southwest Georgia during the next legislative session which begins in January 2015.

"A tremendous amount of analysis regarding appropriations and tough state budget decisions has been undertaken in recent years because of the adverse impact of the nation's recession on our state's economy. The budget decisions were not easy, but we made them by establishing priorities. The result is that we produced a state budget that is balanced and did not raise state taxes on families or on businesses," Taylor said. "We made state government live within its means just like families and small businesses have to do each day."

Rep. Taylor is a member of the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee, the Appropriations Committee, and Insurance Committee, where she is Chairman of the Health Subcommittee. Additionally, she is both a member and holds the office of Secretary for the Governmental Affairs Committee. She is also a member and the Vice Chairman of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. In addition to her committee assignments and legislative work, Darlene also received the appointment of Legislative Whip.

"Serving on the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee is significant to the entire region because Agri- business is the premier industry of this region and the state, - all the while contributing to the nation in a substantial manner. As you well know agriculture, along with the impact of our natural resources, is paramount to both our regional and state economy." Taylor says.

Additionally, Representative Taylor was appointed to the Medicaid Reform Subcommittee where the breadth of her healthcare industry experience and vast knowledge of healthcare delivery were all quite vital to identifying process improvements. This session, she met with leadership regarding the new state healthcare plan where she both sought and obtained immediate actions for plan improvements to better serve Georgians.

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In life, business, and as a legislator...obtaining positive outcomes for those who are in need of assistance have proven to be one of Darlene's most humbling and heartfelt joys. She is often contacted about difficult situations that seem insurmountable but given her tenacity she finds that correct path that ultimately leads to the solution. Rep. Taylor has a reputation for helping constituents and local governments no matter how daunting the circumstances. The ability to cut through the red tape and navigate toward the best possible outcomes are hallmarks of distinction at her district and capitol offices.

Representative Taylor's conservative beliefs were forged by the values she learned from Christ's teachings in the bible, her parents, and growing up in the South. She is also a successful business woman who is well respected among her peers at the Georgia House of Representatives in addition to her business industry peers. Darlene has served on many community and civic boards as well as a hospital board through the years while residing here, in Southwest Georgia. Representative Taylor and her husband John have been married for over 40 years, have a farm in Cairo, and reside in Thomasville. They have two married sons and five grandchildren. The family worships at the First Baptist Church of Thomasville.

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