



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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During the 2007 session of the General Assembly, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to return surplus revenues back to the taxpayers of Georgia. The House stated that as fiscal conservatives, we owe this money back to the taxpayers to whom it belongs.

We members of the House of Representatives stand by the principles of lower taxes, limited government and the belief that surplus revenues, beyond the constitutional requirements, belong to the hardworking people of Georgia and should be returned to their rightful owner. The 2008 supplemental budget spends surplus revenues in further expansion of our State Government.

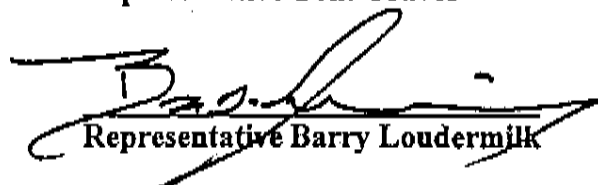
We believe the ever upward creep of spending encourages people to expect government to solve all their problems. We desire to reorient state spending so that it reinforces the critical virtues of self reliance and personal initiative that made America great.

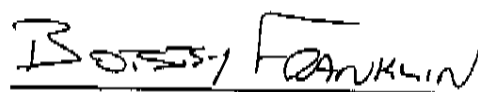
We applaud the hard and unenviable work of our Appropriations Committee and its Chairman who have been working with a system that is designed to spend, not return surplus taxes. Our votes against HB 989 are not a negative comment upon the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, House Leadership, the Governor or members of the Appropriations Committee.

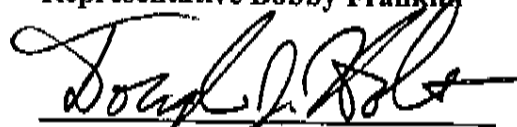
Therefore, in standing with true conservative values in which we believe, we the undersigned have voted against the continued spending of excess collected revenues.


Representative Steve Davis


Representative Tom Graves


Representative Barry Loudermilk


Representative Bobby Franklin


Representative Doug Holt


Representative Martin Scott