9th District Republican Party
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Ninth Congressional District Republican Party Reorganizes

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DEMOREST, GA - The Ninth District Republican Party of Georgia met Saturday November 5, 2011 in Habersham County to hold its Reorganization Meeting at the center of the new Ninth Congressional District (GA-9) and establish the Party's leadership in the new district boundaries. The meeting is one of fourteen congressional reorganization meetings resulting from the state's population increases documented in the 2010 census. On September 6, 2011 Governor Nathan Deal signed Georgia's fourteen new congressional maps passed by the Legislature into law.

The Ninth District Committee elected Andrew Turnage (Union County) as Chair, Amanda Nixon (Forsyth County) as First Vice Chair, Bruce Azevedo (Madison County) as Second Vice Chair, Ron Johnson (Jackson County) as Third Vice Chair. The committee also elected Faye Harvey (Pickens County) as Treasurer, Theresa Webb (Hall County) as Secretary, Louise Little (Fannin County) as Assistant Treasurer, and Mary Jane Childs (Dawson County) as Assistant Secretary.

The Ninth also incorporated the Georgia Republican Party's "Remember Next November" campaign to elect a Republican President next year into the meeting. Already dubbed 'the most Republican district in the nation,' the Ninth is the largest Georgia congressional district north of Interstate 20. The Ninth District will carry the heart of the nation as the country looks to add another vote in Washington to work alongside Congressman Tom Graves (GA-14) and Congressman Paul Broun (GA-10) to restore the country's economic strength and overturn the policies of the Obama administration.

The new Ninth District's twenty counties are Banks, Clarke (three northern precincts), Dawson, Elbert, Fannin, Franklin, Forsyth (northern 1/3), Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Pickens (eastern 1/2), Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White. The new Ninth District is a vacant seat in the United States House of Representatives. Voters in the Ninth will have the opportunity to elect a congressional representative from a growing field of candidates in 2012.

Announced Republican congressional candidates Doug Collins, and Martha Zoller had a presence at the meeting Saturday. Jackson County Commission Chair Hunter Bicknell also attended the meeting. Candidates will be on the ballot for the Primary Election on July 31, 2012, a potential Primary Runoff Election on August 21, 2012, then onward towards the fall General Election on November 6, 2012.

Georgia will also look to the new district for continued leadership from many of Georgia's Constitutional officers that now reside in the Ninth District: Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, Speaker of the House David Ralston, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, and Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols.

For more news and information about the Ninth and Republican candidates visit the Ninth District Republican Party website at www.gagop9.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/9thGOPGA

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