

## News from State Senator Tim Golden

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### **MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA ENDORSES GOLDEN**

Atlanta, Georgia -- **State Senator Tim Golden** (D-Valdosta) announced today that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) and GAMPAC, the lobbying arm for Doctors and allied health care professionals in Georgia, has endorsed Golden for a fourth term in the State Senate.

“Because of your commitment to medicine related issues, the GAMPAC Board of Directors voted to support you in your bid for re-election. We at MAG understand and greatly appreciate your hard work and unwavering dedication to your constituency, and value you as an irrefutable asset to the General Assembly,” said Benjamin H. Cheek, MD and Chairman of GAMPAC.

Dr. Sandra Reed of Thomasville, an OB-GYN and 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Board Member for the Department of Technical & Adult Education (DTAE) added, “Senator Golden has been an effective legislator who has shown his willingness to cross party lines to do the right thing for Georgia and for the medical/health care community in general. The Senator was a key vote this year on tort reform --- in some cases, the deciding vote. We appreciate his strong leadership and long service on our behalf.”

She continued, “I know first-hand as a member of the DTAE Board that Senator Golden has also been a strong supporter of nursing and allied health education programs at both Southwest Georgia Technical College and Valdosta Technical College. Senator Golden has been a key legislator in securing funds for various expansions and capital improvements at both of these outstanding technical education schools.”

Golden secured \$12 million for Southwest Technical College in 1999 and secured \$16 million for Valdosta Technical College in this year’s budget. The funds are to be used for classroom expansions on both campuses.

“I appreciate the support of the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) as I seek another term in the Senate,” said Golden, who continued, “I have enjoyed working with MAG on many issues of mutual interest and concern during my tenure in the Georgia General Assembly.”

Golden is a fourteen year veteran of the Georgia General Assembly. He is a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee, Insurance & Labor and Higher Education Committees. Golden is seeking a fourth term in the State Senate.