

News from State Senator Tim Golden

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Thomasville Times-Enterprise Endorses Golden for Senate

Valdosta, GA -- **State Senator Tim Golden** (D-Valdosta) announced today that *The Thomasville Times-Enterprise* endorsed his campaign for re-election today.

In making the endorsement, the Times Enterprise noted Golden's support for business and health care issues, stating "State Sen. Tim Golden...is making health care his top priority. He intends to introduce a bill in the 2005 Georgia General Assembly to help small business owners reduce their costs by 25 percent. It would allow firms with 50 employees or fewer to craft their own insurance policies."

The paper endorsement concluded, "Golden, a co-author of the popular sales tax holiday, said he is also drafting a badly needed long-term care policy."

"I am pleased to have received the endorsement of the Thomasville newspaper," said Golden, who continued, "I am grateful for their support and appreciate the kind and generous remarks about my record of accomplishment in the Georgia General Assembly and my vision for affordable and quality health care."

The Valdosta Daily Times endorsed Golden on Wednesday saying "the Democratic incumbent is a free thinker willing to step outside of party lines for the good of the 8th District....we wish other elected officials used (Golden) as a model" to emulate.

The Senator has been endorsed by numerous groups including the National Federation of Independent Businesses (**NFIB**); the Medical Association of Georgia; the National Rifle Association (**NRA**) and the Georgia Association of Educators (**GAE**).

Senator Golden recently received the Georgia Hospital Association "**2004 Legislative Leadership Award**" for his efforts in promoting quality health care, and for working to make it more available and affordable for the citizens of Georgia.

Senator Golden is seeking a fourth term in the State Senate. He is a fourteen year veteran of the Georgia General Assembly having served for eight years in the Georgia House of Representatives prior to his election to the Senate in 1998.

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