

## Fay and Steele Receive First Two Tickets to NAACP Obama Victory Breakfast Celebration



Dr. Martha Fay and Mrs. Sadie Davis Steele received the first two tickets to the Obama Victory Breakfast Celebration to be held December 3, 2008. The ladies are pictured with Dr. Billy Jamison, RMG Museum Board Chairman; Savannah Branch NAACP President Dr. Prince Jackson; and other members of the NAACP. "These two ladies are among the oldest Civil Rights Warriors from our community. They laid everything on the line for what they believed in," said Dr. Jackson. Mrs. Steele is a retired educator and Dr. Martha Fay is a retired Geneticist.

## "CNN Heroes" Event Honors Savannah Resident David Puckett

Mayor Otis Johnson and state Sen. Eric Johnson honored Savannah resident David Puckett on Nov. 18 in anticipation of "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute," launched last year to spotlight ordinary citizens accomplishing extraordinary deeds, and airing on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, at 9 p.m. (ET/PT). Puckett was named a CNN HEROES honoree last month for his work to provide free artificial limbs, braces and care to people in rural southeastern Mexico. He was awarded \$25,000. Hosted by CNN anchor Anderson Cooper from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, CNN HEROES: AN ALL-STAR TRIBUTE will air globally on CNN, CNN International and CNN en Español.



David Puckett

This year's Top 10 CNN Heroes, as selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel, were unveiled by Cooper on CNN's American Morning last month. The public selected the "CNN Hero of the Year" Liz McCartney, via voting at the CNN Heroes site.

David Puckett first connected with the Yucatan people of southeastern Mexico while volunteering on a mission there as a teenager. Struck by the overwhelming poverty and the physical challenges he saw people facing

in the rural communities, he vowed to return and make a difference there. After entering the field of orthotics and prosthetics, Puckett saw his opportunity to help improve the lives of people in the Yucatan. His nonprofit, PIPO Missions: Limbs and Braces to Mexico, collects donated, used orthopedic braces and artificial limbs in the United States and crafts new ones from their recycled components. On average, Puckett makes a six-day trip every two months to distribute the custom prosthetics and braces, while also providing ongoing care. Over the course of his 41 trips to the region, Puckett has helped more than 420 individuals - and that number continues to grow. He's found that word of his work spreads fast through the villages and people will drive hours to attend his clinics.

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life's work, my magnum opus—and the best job in the world."

An academic visionary, Wallace co-founded the Savannah College of Art and Design in 1978. Thirty years later, SCAD is the nation's most comprehensive art and design university, offering more degree programs and specializations than any other art and design university in the United States. The university's more than 9,000

students study at campuses in Savannah and Atlanta, Ga., Lacoste, France, and online via SCAD-eLearning. Under Wallace's leadership, SCAD was named the "Hottest for Studying Art" among "America's 25 Hottest Colleges" by Kaplan/Newsweek, and was recognized as one of "America's best colleges" and "America's best graduate schools" by U.S. News and World Report.

## Jim Martin... Continued from page 1

ment his economic plan, and Jim Martin is a man who will keep his word. We urge our readers vote early, or to go to the polls on December 2, and help elect Jim Martin.

**Our support of Jim Martin is not new. We endorsed him in a front-page editorial in our October 29 edition, and we are restating much of that endorsement below.**

Jim Martin was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1983, and served in the legislature for 18 years. During his time in the State Legislature, Martin became a leader on health care issues and helped to create PeachCare, which provides affordable health care to thousands of Georgia's children.

Martin served as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Ethics Committee, and a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee overseeing State health care programs. He was also an active member of the Industrial Relations, Special Judiciary, and Children and Youth Committees. Martin is credited with saving State funding for programs that provided critical services for seniors, children, and people with disabilities in the early 1990s when the State was facing budget cuts due to

tough economic times.

Two governors selected Martin to lead the Georgia Department of Human Resources. He took over the department in 2001, when the Georgia was facing difficult economic times and successfully cut spending while preserving important programs.

Jim Martin has a history of getting things done and fighting for citizens who do not have the resources to fight for themselves. Clearly, Martin is the right man for Georgia during these tough economic times. His opponent voted with President George Bush, and in favor of his failed economic policies, over 90 percent of the time.

Martin attended the Atlanta Public Schools and earned three degrees (a bachelor's degree and two law degrees) at the University of Georgia. He is a Vietnam Veteran who says that the Bush Administration's failure to provide adequate care for our returning soldiers and their families is nothing short of disgraceful.

We, at *The Savannah Tribune*, believe that the people of Georgia could use a different kind of senator. We need a senator who shares our concern for the wellbeing of all people...not just the rich. We urge you to vote to elect Jim Martin.