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Baker Receives Inaugural Barack Obama Political Leadership Award



Rodney G. Moore, president of the National Bar Association (left) and Mavis Theassa Thompson, president-elect of the National Bar Association (right) present Georgia's Attorney General Thurbert Baker with the award. Photo credit - Eugene Mebane.

The National Bar Association (NBA) presented Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker with its first annual Barack Obama Political Leadership Award at its 84th annual meeting in San Diego, California on Friday. The award recognizes Baker's pioneering achievements as a public servant and elected official.

Baker, a Democrat from Stone Mountain, is Georgia's first African-American Attorney General, having served in the office since 1997. During this time, he has been the only elected African-American Attorney General in the nation. As Attorney General, Baker has successfully managed the state's legal affairs for more than two decades. He has always made protecting fami-

lies and children a top priority. He promoted tough new laws against sexual predators who target children via the Internet, and has aggressively worked with local prosecutors and police to bring those who target children online to justice. Baker has also been a leading voice against domestic violence. He fought to make it a crime to commit an act of domestic violence in the presence of a child and he's worked with local law enforcement to fight family violence.

Prior to his service as Attorney General, Baker served for five terms in the Georgia House of Representatives.

As Floor Leader, Baker led the fight to pass some of the most significant legislation in modern Georgia history,

including the institution of the state lottery and the lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship program.

He was the lead sponsor of the largest tax cut in Georgia history - the removal of the state sales tax on groceries. He also led the fight to pass tough new laws against drunk driving, strengthening the state's notoriously weak, outdated drunk driving laws, and helped bring Georgia to the forefront in the battle against DUI.

Baker said, "I am humbled and honored to be the first person to receive the National Bar Association's Barack Obama Award. I hope to live up to the honor by continuing to bring people together to solve the tough problems facing Georgia."

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Mrs. Carolyn Lance among the shoppers at the HH Gregg Grand Opening Sale.

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