

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum to hold Founder's Day Bash



Judge Murray Silver & Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.

The Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum "Georgia's first Official Civil Rights Museum," kicks off its 2010 Capital Campaign with a Founder's Appreciation Bash on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Museum's Annex on Alice Street.

The program will acknowledge and pay homage to its original Founding Charter Members.

These founding mem-

bers were the first to set aside funds for the museum in 1996 and 1997.

The Honorable Murray Silver, Sr. a retired Judge will be the featured speaker.

Judge Silver is a dynamic orator and civil rights activist of over fifty years is the author of "Daddy King and Me" a book about his long time close friendship with the Rev. Martin L. King, Sr.

Guests will be encouraged to mingle throughout

the beautiful new annex and enjoy food and beverages served by prominent local restaurants and caterers.

A limited number of tickets at \$30.00 per person can be purchased at the Museum during normal business hours, or from Members of the Board of Directors, or by calling 231-8900.

Reserved seating for tables of eight is also available.

Barrow Votes to Extend Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) recently voted to extend unemployment insurance benefits for American families who have been hit hardest by the recession.

The Unemployment Compensation Act of 2009 will provide immediate assistance by extending relief to the estimated 314,000 workers who would otherwise exhaust their unemployment benefits by the end of this month, and one million more whose benefits would run out by the end of the year. This will especially help Georgia families, where the unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation.

"When a mom or dad loses their job, the whole family suffers," said Barrow. "It's taking longer than ever to get a new job, and we need to take care of those folks who've lost their jobs through no fault of their own. This money will also help bring our local economy back on track because the folks who receive these benefits will be spending the money to buy groceries, put gas in their cars, and make their mortgage payments on time."

The extension will provide immediate, effective stimulus to the local economy. The Congressional




Congressman John Barrow Budget Office has cited unemployment benefits as one of the most cost-effective forms of economic stimulus. Every dollar spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new demand, according to Moody's chief economist

Mark Zandi.

The extension is fully paid for, and strengthens reporting requirements to reduce unemployment insurance overpayments.

The legislation will help families in at least 27 states with the highest unemployment rates, including Georgia, where it is hardest for workers to find employment. Workers in these states who have exhausted or will soon exhaust their benefits will be eligible for an additional thirteen weeks of insurance, up to a total of 46 weeks.

"The economy is slowly turning around, but the unemployment rate is still too high. This extension will help millions of folks out while they wait for jobs to open up."



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Picnic in the Park with Mercer

Sunday, October 4

Forsyth Park
Free admission

PROGRAM

4:30 Savannah Arts Academy Orchestra
Savannah Arts Academy
Skyelite Jazz Band

7:00 Picnic in the Park Mercer Band with Trae Gurley, Roger Moss, Gina René, Huxsie Scott

Johnny Mercer Themed Picnic Contest

3:00 - 5:00 Picnic competition registration

5:10 - 6:30 Judging for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places & Best Family

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