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GOP Golf Tournament Draws Congressional Candidates

Several candidates running for the Ninth District Congressional seat will be on the links with golfers when the Ninth District GOP holds its first Golf Tournament at Cumming's Lanier Golf Club on Tuesday, October 6. The tournament's goal is to raise funds to help support local candidates in the Ninth District in 2010. The Ninth is one of most conservative districts in the country.

"Everyone I've spoken to is pretty excited about this tournament," said Andrew Turnage, Golf Tournament Chairman and Ninth District Vice Chairman. "With candidates participating, it ups the interest level and of course adds to the tournament, so we plan to accept golfers through registration at the course on October 6." Congressional candidates and expected attendees include Representatives Tom Graves and Bobby Reece, State Senator Lee Hawkins, and businessmen Jeremy Jones and Steve Tarvin. Other candidates expected in attendance include Representative Mark Hamilton and State Senator Chip Pearson. Major League Baseball legend Phil Niekro of the Atlanta Braves will also be swinging a club with registrants.

Players can register at 8:30am at the golf course. Play starts at 10:00am, with a number of awards including a first place team award of \$1000. Golfers will also have an exciting chance to score a hole-in-one to win a one-year lease on a 2009 Honda provided by Milton Martin Honda of Gainesville. Awards will be made during a reception following the tournament. "This is an opportunity to visit face-to-face with current and future conservative leaders," said Mr. Turnage, "and it's a way to show appreciation for our sponsors and to Lanier Golf Club."

Registration information and fees can be found on the Ninth District website at www.gagop9.org or by calling Andrew Turnage at 706-781-2979. Sponsors need to register before October 2.

The Ninth District is composed of the following counties: Catoosa, Dade, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Hall, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Union, Walker, White and Whitfield. The Ninth is one of the strongest Republican districts in the country.

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