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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

SATURDAY 1/26: Barrow to Host Mortgage and Foreclosure Assistance Workshop in Augusta

Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) will host a mortgage and foreclosure assistance workshop on **Saturday, January 26**, at the Augusta Technical College Main Campus 1300 Building located at 3200 Augusta Tech Drive. The event will run from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm. Barrow will be joined by Georgia Senior Assistant Attorney General David S. McLaughlin.

People are encouraged to stop by at any time during those two hours to meet with housing and foreclosure experts who will provide objective advice and talk about what options may be available to 12th District families who need help.

Representatives will be available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the VA, the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, the CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, the CSRA Consumer Credit Counseling Service, AARP, and many more agencies and organizations. The workshop will provide free, confidential advice to families facing foreclosure or who are worried about making their mortgage payments. To make the most of the time with the counselors, participants are asked to bring all relevant mortgage and financial paperwork.

“I hope anyone who’s struggling with foreclosure, or who just wants to know what to do if this happens to them, will stop by and visit with us. There are too many families in our community who are in trouble or about to get into trouble to ignore this problem any longer,” Barrow said.

There were over 90,000 foreclosures in 2007 in Georgia.

Barrow will also discuss legislation he’s introduced to lower the tax burden on working families by allowing them to deduct interest payments they make on their mortgages (H.R. 3608).

Who: John Barrow
Georgia Senior Assistant Attorney General David S. McLaughlin

What: Foreclosure Workshop for families facing or concerned about foreclosure

When: Saturday, January 26, 2008, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Augusta Technical College Main Campus 1300 Building, 3200 Augusta Tech Drive, Augusta

Press is welcome to attend the workshop. Given that counselors meeting with families will be discussing sensitive financial data, an appropriate level of respect and privacy is requested.

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