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Rep. John Barrow Announces Upcoming “Education and Jobs Tour”

Georgia Congressman to visit six of the state's technical colleges; talk with local businesses that employ graduates of those schools; discuss challenges facing today's workforce

On Monday, August 22nd, 12th District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) will embark on a three-day tour of six technical colleges that serve the residents and businesses of Georgia's 12th Congressional District. Stops are planned at Savannah Technical College, Ogeechee Technical College, Swainsboro Technical College, Sandersville Technical College, Augusta Technical College, and Athens Technical College.

“Georgia's technical colleges provide critical job training and workforce development skills essential in helping meet the needs of our communities and our local businesses,” Barrow said. “Technical colleges also play a key role in attracting new jobs and industries to the region, as well as helping businesses keep job training costs low.”

A member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the House Committee on Small Business, Rep. Barrow plans to also meet with local Georgia businesses that rely on the job and industry specific workforce training provided by these technical colleges. In addition, Barrow will stop by Swainsboro Technical College's Jenkins County Center and Sandersville Technical College's Jefferson County Center.

Monday, August 22, 2005: Savannah & Statesboro

8:30 AM

Tour Savannah Technical College; Visit the school's Culinary Arts Program
5717 White Bluff Road, Savannah

3:00 PM

Tour Ogeechee Technical College; Visit the school's Funeral Service Education Degree Program
One Joe Kennedy Blvd, Statesboro

4:30 PM

Talk with employees and business owners of the Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home
502 Miller Street, Statesboro

Tuesday, August 23, 2005: Swainsboro/Millen & Sandersville/Louisville

8:30 AM

Tour Swainsboro Technical College; Visit the Larry J. "Butch" Parrish Technology Center
346 Kite Road, Swainsboro

10:45 AM

Tour Swainsboro Technical College's Jenkins County Center Adult Literacy Program
210 Hendrix Street, Millen

2:00 PM

Tour Sandersville Technical College; Visit the school's Commercial Drivers License Program
1189 Deepstep Road, Sandersville

3:15 PM

Tour Sandersville Technical College's Jefferson County Center
1257 Warrior Trail, Louisville

Wednesday, August 24, 2005: Augusta & Athens

8:30 AM

Tour Augusta Technical College;
Visit the school's Respiratory Care Technology and Occupational Therapy Assistant programs
3200 Augusta Tech Drive, Augusta

2:30 PM

Tour Athens Technical College
800 US Highway 29 North, Athens
Congressman Barrow will also meet with local health, biotechnology, and veterinary business owners

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