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## **REPUBLICAN RICK AUSTIN ANNOUNCES FOR STATE HOUSE**

**DEMOREST, GA** – Republican Habersham County Commissioner Rick Austin today announced that he will run for the State House of Representatives in District 10.

“I’m running because we need an independent, conservative leader in the state house who has the demonstrated strength to look out for the interests of North Georgia,” said Austin. “I’ve spent many months listening to friends, leaders and voters from all over the district and they tell me we’re not getting the kind of leadership and representation that we desperately need in the state house. We deserve a leader who will seek positive solutions to the challenges we face so future generations will want to live, work and raise a family here in North Georgia.”

Austin said his campaign will focus on the issues important to the voters in Habersham and White Counties including long term water management solutions, funding for economic development, improving educational opportunities for our children, and stopping tax increases and unfunded mandates on North Georgians. He said he would vote the interest of his district after listening to what is best from the voters in District 10.

Austin has served as a Habersham County Commissioner since 2005 and last year served as its Vice Chairman.

“I’m proud of my record on the county commission,” said Austin. “I’ve listened to my constituents, worked to prevent tax increases, protected our values, and fought to lessen the interference of government in our lives. With the support of the voters, I will continue to provide the same leadership in the state house that I’ve provided on the county commission.”

Austin has begun the process of establishing a campaign team, and will continue reaching out and listening to voters about the kind of leadership they want in the state house. A formal campaign kick-off will be held on March 25.

“Jennifer and I are both humbled and gratified at the tremendous amount of encouragement we’ve received. We’re excited. We will run a great campaign and we look forward to continuing to serve North Georgians.”

Austin was born in 1966 and was raised on a small farm in Habersham County. He graduated from Piedmont College in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He earned his Masters degree from Auburn University in 1993 and his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi in 1997. Currently, Austin is a professor at Piedmont College in Demorest.

Austin has a long history of public service. He regularly volunteers time in the local schools and is a long time coach in recreation football, basketball, and Little League baseball, where he coaches two baseball teams each spring. “I believe strongly in the strength, values and character that are developed in our children through participation in organized athletics. There is no better investment in the future than our children” added Austin.

He and his wife Jennifer have been married since 1990 and they have two children – Sloan, 12 and Brice, 9. The Austins are members of Level Grove Baptist Church where Rick serves as a deacon and the Director of Royal Ambassadors.

The 10th State House District is comprised of two North Georgia counties, all of Habersham County and a portion of White County.

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