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TO THE **26TH** ANNIVERSARY OF THE

GEORGIA YOUTH
CHALLENGE FOUNDATION

Gala
HONORING

SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON
AND SENATOR DAVID PERDUE

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
GOVERNOR & FIRST LADY BRIAN KEMP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 20, 2019
GEORGIA FREIGHT DEPOT



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**

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**GEORGIA YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM-ALWAYS ON MY MIND VIDEO
"SECOND CHANCES TO DREAM, BELIEVE, AND ACHIEVE"**

- REMARKS**
- ANDREW DILL, LOCKHEED MARTIN, MAJOR DONOR
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 - MG JUDD LYONS, DEP. ASST. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (RESERVE INTEGRATION)
 - MR. GUY "REX" BULLOCH, BULLOCH FARMS

- 2019 CHALLENGE CHAMPION RECIPIENTS**
- SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON
 - SENATOR DAVID PERDUE
 - CLOSING REMARKS

**FORT STEWART YOUTH CHALLENGE CHOIR, YCA ANTHEM
"DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE."**

RECEPTION MUSIC PROVIDED BY TRACY DUNLAP & JERRY LUCAS "SHADES OF BLUE"



GOVERNOR BRIAN P. KEMP

Brian Kemp is a husband, father, businessman, and public servant. On November 6, 2018, he was elected as Georgia's 83rd Governor, earning more votes than any gubernatorial candidate in state history.

Governor Kemp built his first business – Kemp Development and Construction Company – with a pick-up truck and a shovel. Over thirty years later, he is a successful entrepreneur with businesses and investments in banking, farming, timber, manufacturing, and real estate.

Kemp served on the Board of Suncrest Stone in Tifton, as a Founding Director of First Madison Bank, and on the St. Mary's Hospital Board in Athens. From the backhoe to the Board Room, Governor Kemp understands how to successfully create jobs, grow companies, recruit start-ups, and make deals on the international stage while also providing opportunities for hundreds of hardworking Georgians.

Out of frustration with government, Brian Kemp ran for public office in the early 2000s.

In the State Senate, Kemp was instrumental in fighting to cut fees, taxes, and mandates on job creators and Georgia families. As Secretary of State, Kemp utilized technology and innovation to cut bureaucratic red tape, slash spending, and streamline government.

As Governor, Brian Kemp will fight to make Georgia #1 for small business through regulatory reform. He will ensure that all parts of our state – including rural Georgia – have opportunities to grow and thrive. Kemp will fundamentally reform state government, keep our families safe, and always put hardworking Georgians first.

Kemp, 55, is married to the former Marty Argo of Athens. They are the proud parents of three daughters – Jarrett, Lucy, and Amy Porter – and are active members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.



SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON

Johnny Isakson is a successful businessman with 40-plus years in the real estate industry who has built a respected record of public service to Georgia and the nation.

Johnny holds the distinction of being the only Georgian ever to have been elected to the state House, state Senate, U.S. House and U.S. Senate. In addition, in 2016 he became the first Georgia Republican ever to be elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate.

Johnny is the only Republican in the Senate chairing two committees -- the Senate Ethics Committee and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

He also serves on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Johnny and his wife, Dianne, have been married since 1968. They have three children and eight grandchildren.



SENATOR DAVID PERDUE

In many ways, U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) is the original political outsider. He grew up in Georgia, worked his way through college at Georgia Tech, and then spent four decades in business before joining the U.S. Senate. Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress today and sits on the powerful Banking, Budget, Armed Services, and Agriculture Committees.

Prior to his decisive election to the U.S. Senate in 2014, Senator Perdue had never held public office and was inspired to shake up Washington and change the

direction of our country. Senator Perdue is a champion for term limits for politicians, reining in out-of-control spending, growing the economy, and tackling our nation's debt crisis. In 2016, Senator Perdue was an early supporter of President Donald J. Trump and continues to be one of the President's closest allies in the U.S. Senate.

David and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Glynn County, Georgia. They have two sons and three grandsons, who are their inspiration for coming to the U.S. Senate.



MG THOMAS M. CARDEN, ADJUTANT GENERAL OF GEORGIA

Major General Thomas M. Carden, Jr. enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard as an infantryman in 1986. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in August 1989 after completing officer candidate school through the Georgia Military Institute. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Appointed by Governor Kemp in January of 2019, General Carden serves as the 43rd Adjutant General of the Georgia Department of Defense. Previously, General Carden has held a number of key positions in the Army and Georgia Army National Guard including

Deputy Commander Multi-National Division Southeast (Romania), as well as the commanding general, chief of staff and deputy chief of staff for operations for the Georgia Army National Guard.

General Carden's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Parachutist Badge and the Combat Infantry Badge.



MG JUDD H. LYONS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Mr. Judd Lyons, a member of the Senior Executive Service, assumed the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Integration on February 17, 2019. He serves as the principal staff assistant and advisor to the ASD (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) with specific responsibility for ensuring seamless integration of reserve affairs across the DoD, and provides strategic engagement on all RC matters, including liaison with the Reserve Forces Policy Board, the RC Chiefs, and the Council of Governors.

Further, he is responsible for proactive leadership of DoD STARBASE, National Guard Youth Challenge, TRICARE Reserve Select policy, Full Time Support policy, Key Employee policy, Innovative Readiness Training Program, International RC Programs, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, and RC Mobilization Authority.

Mr. Lyons provides policy oversight and guidance to the missions of the Defense Personnel and Family Support Center (DPFSC). He previously served as DPFSC Director from August 7, 2017. Mr. Lyons retired

from the Army as a Major General after 37 years of service at the state and Federal level, in both Title 32 and Title 10 status, serving in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility. His most recent General Officer assignments immediately prior to assuming his current position include Military Deputy to the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the Department of State, as well as his service performing the duties of Director of the Army National Guard. As a Major General, he also served as Adjutant General for the Nebraska National Guard. Mr. Lyons, then a Colonel, deployed to Afghanistan as Commander, 209th Regional Security Assistance Command, Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix V.

Mr. Lyons holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Bellevue University and a Master of Science degree from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of CAPSTONE, George C. Marshall Senior Executive Seminar, National and International Security Course at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Army Strategic Leadership Development Program, and the Joint Senior Reserve Officer Course.



BENITA DODD, GEORGIA PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION

Benita Dodd is a journalism graduate of Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa, who immigrated to the United States in 1986. The Cobb County resident was an editorial writer and columnist for The Atlanta Journal Editorial Board and an editorial writer for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial Board before joining the Georgia Public Policy Foundation as vice president in March 2003. She leads the Foundation's Environmental Initiative and is responsible for the Foundation's communications. She is a member of the 2007 class of Leadership Georgia, a member of the American Enterprise Institute's Leadership Network (class of 2015), and a faculty member of the Leadership Institute of Virginia. She serves on the Political Science Advisory Board at

Kennesaw State University, on the Board of Advisors for America's Future Foundation Georgia and on the Board of Governors for the Georgia Charter Schools Association, and is a Policy Advisor for the Heartland Institute. She also served on the Board of Common Cause Georgia. She addresses civic and leadership groups across Georgia on current issues and free-market solutions. She is a frequent contributor to newspapers, television and radio programs around the state, spent seven years providing free-market perspectives as a commentator on a weekly Atlanta Radio Korea program, and appears regularly on Current NewPo, an online video newstalk program for the News and Post Korean-American news service.



ABOUT THE NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Conducted at 40 academies across the country, the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program is operated in conjunction with the National Guard Bureau, state governments and local sites. The program consists of a 5 ½ month residential phase framed around eight core components: academic excellence, responsible citizenship, physical fitness, leadership/followership, job skills, service to the community, health and hygiene and life coping skills, and a 12-month post residential phase during which mentors continue to provide guidance and support to graduates. If you are between the ages of 16 to 18, a Georgia resident and have dropped out of school, but are interested in turning your life around and improving your chances for success, please contact the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy Program www.georgiayouthchallenge.org or call the Admissions Office at 800-278-2233.

ABOUT THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE FOUNDATION

The Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation's efforts are directed primarily toward developing, supporting and enhancing the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academies and its Cadets with educational scholarships, public awareness initiatives, innovative partnerships and opportunities for training and developing workforce and life skills. Every year, more than one million young Americans drop out of school. The Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation was established as a 501c3 in 1997 to advocate for the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and to provide resources to its graduates to ensure they maintain a path of success beyond graduation day. The Foundation is dedicated to addressing the nation's dropout crisis by giving troubled youth a second chance to DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE. We are an ALL VOLUNTEER organization. Please visit www.gycfoundation.com for more information.