

# PRESS RELEASE

## **GeorgiaCarry.org to Present Annual Legislative Awards at Spring Luncheon**

*Rep. Tim Bearden and Sen. John Douglas selected as Representative and Senator of the Year*

**Atlanta, May 7, 2008:** GeorgiaCarry.org (GCO) is proud to announce its selection of Representative Tim Bearden (R-68) and Senator John Douglas (R-17) as it's Representative of the Year and Senator of the Year respectively. Rep. Bearden and Sen. Douglas were selected by the GCO Board of Directors for their efforts before, during, and after the 2008 Georgia General Assembly Session.

Rep. Bearden represents Georgia's 68<sup>th</sup> District in the Georgia House of Representatives, and has served the citizens of the 68<sup>th</sup> District since being sworn in to office in January of 2005. He currently serves as the Secretary for both the Judiciary – Non-Civil and Motor Vehicle committees in addition to being a member of the Regulated Industries and State Planning & Community Affairs committees. Rep. Bearden originally authored HB 89 during the 2007 legislative session, and worked tirelessly for the passage of the amended version of HB 89 during the 2008 session.

Sen. Douglas represents Georgia's 17<sup>th</sup> District in the Georgia Senate, and was first elected to office as a Representative for Georgia's 73<sup>rd</sup> District in 2002. He was elected to represent Senate District 17 in 2004 and now serves as the Chairman of the Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee, the Secretary of the Science and Technology Committee, as well as being a member of the Education and Youth, Transportation, and Public Safety (Ex-Oficio) Committees. Sen. Douglas worked closely with GCO leadership through the legislative life of HB 89 to ensure its passage and has also contacted the Governor's office urging the signing of the bill into law.

These members of the Georgia General Assembly will be presented their awards at GCO's Spring Event being held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Red Top Mountain State Park in Cartersville, Georgia. On behalf of the membership of GCO, the Board of Directors feels it is important to recognize the individual efforts of these individuals in fighting for the preservation of the right to bear arms for all Georgians.

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*GeorgiaCarry.org (GCO) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Georgia's right to keep and bear arms. GCO's mission is carried out through selected litigation, grassroots legislative efforts, and active participation with elected officials at all levels throughout Georgia.*