



Senator Tyler Harper



Senator Tyler Harper, a Republican, was elected to the Georgia State Senate on November 6, 2012, and was sworn in to serve the 7th Senate District on January 14, 2013. He was re-elected unopposed and was proudly sworn in to serve his second term on January 12, 2015. Senator Harper serves as Chairman of the Senate Public Safety Committee as well the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, Secretary of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee and member of the Senate Retirement Committee.

Senator Harper has been named a "Defender of Liberty" by the American Conservatives Union and has been selected by GOPAC as one of twenty Emerging Leaders, a program comprised of promising state legislators from across the country. The Georgia Chamber of Commerce has given Senator Harper an "A" rating and the NFIB has given Senator Harper a 100% rating for his stance on business issues. Senator Harper is a 2013 Graduate of Leadership Georgia and a 2013 Graduate of the Georgia Legislative Leadership Institute.

Senator Harper is a lifelong resident of Irwin County. He is a product of Irwin County Schools, a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering (BSAE), and also holds an Associate of Science Degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

As a small businessman and farmer, Senator Harper understands the importance of agriculture and small business to our great State and our Nation, as well as understands the challenges that we face in both the agricultural & business communities. As an active community leader, Senator Harper is the immediate past President of the Ocilla Rotary Club and the current President of the Georgia Young Farmer's Association, and serves as a member of the University of Georgia Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Alpha Eta Chapter Alumni Board . He has also served as a member of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Strategic Planning Committee and as a volunteer for the CAES Alumni Association. Senator Harper is also a former member of the Ben Hill-Irwin Joint Development Authority.

Senator Harper's past political experience involves working for US Senator Saxby Chambliss through a Congressional Fellowship, as well as serving as the County Campaign Chair for the election of Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black.

Senator Harper is an avid outdoorsman, a rated helicopter and fixed wing pilot, and is a member of Satilla Baptist Church and serves the church as a musician with his God-given talents on the piano and guitar.