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(Representative Carter Barrett pictured with Georgia Council on Aging member, Vicki Johnson)

Representative Carter Barrett Named 2023 Outstanding Legislator of the Year

Atlanta, GA – July 14, 2023 – Representative Carter Barrett, of District 24, was recognized as the 2023 Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Council on Aging’s Coalition of Advocates for Georgia’s Elderly (CO-AGE) on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at CO-AGE’s annual meeting at the Methodist Children’s Home in Macon. This annual recognition is bestowed upon a legislator who shows outstanding commitment to Georgia’s seniors throughout the legislative session.

Elected in November of last year, Rep. Barrett hit the ground running as a freshman legislator in the 2023 Legislative Session. Bringing an extensive background in finance to the table as a member of the House Committee on Banks & Banking, he worked closely with the Georgia Council on Aging (GCOA) to support the passage of the Secretary of State’s Senior Protections from Exploitation Against Retirees (SPEAR) Act. Rep. Barrett started Community Business Bank in 2006 before selling it in 2015. By focusing on business fundamentals and conservative economic principles, he kept the bank profitable through the Great Recession. He has since become North Atlanta Market President for Affinity Bank and is a founding member of Dime Capital. Rep. Barrett has served his community and Forsyth County on numerous boards and organizations for over 30 years. In February, he attended GCOA’s Senior Day at the Capitol to personally welcome his Forsyth County constituents to the Gold Dome.

A graduate of both Leadership Forsyth and Leadership North Fulton, Rep. Barrett has also demonstrated his leadership skills as a founding member, and Past President of the Rotary Club of Lanier Forsyth and Co-Chair of Envision 2030. He has been recognized by the Forsyth County News as a “Man of Forsyth”, has received the Chamber Chairman’s Award twice as well as the Paramount Achievement Award. Prior to becoming a member of the General Assembly, Rep. Barrett was

recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives for contributions and service to Forsyth County. In the same vein, the Georgia Council on Aging and its Coalition of Advocate's for Georgia's Elderly are grateful for the contributions that he made in their efforts to improve the lives of older Georgians throughout the 2023 Legislative Session.

The Georgia Council on Aging (GCOA) was created by the Georgia General Assembly in 1977 to advise the governor, assembly, and state agencies on matters relating to Georgia's seniors. Members of the 20-person council, drawn from every region of the state, also advocate for aging Georgians and their families and make recommendations to lawmakers and agencies on programs for seniors.

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