

The Honorable Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia
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A successful entrepreneur and respected former State Senator, Casey Cagle made history in 2006 by becoming the first Republican ever elected to Georgia's second highest office. In November of 2010, in recognition of his outstanding efforts on behalf of the state his family has called home for seven generations, Georgia voters overwhelmingly re-elected him, returning Lieutenant Governor Cagle to office for another term.

Born and raised in Hall County, Casey is the son of a single mother. Though there were lean times growing up, he received love and devotion from his mother, who instilled in him the values of hard work, dedication, and an enduring love for God. These values continue to sustain him to this day. A talented athlete, Casey graduated from Johnson High School and attended Gainesville College and Georgia Southern University. When a sports injury ended his dreams of playing college football, Casey returned home to Hall County to start his first business venture - a small tuxedo shop. He later grew to be a leader in the banking and real estate industry in northeast Georgia.

His fellow citizens quickly recognized Casey as an able leader they could always trust to do the right thing. In 1994, at twenty-eight years old, the people of Hall County chose him to be their representative in the Georgia State Senate. Casey faithfully served there in the Senate for twelve years until his ascension to the Office of Lieutenant Governor in 2006.

During his time as a State Senator and later as Lieutenant Governor, Casey established himself as a bold leader and champion of our conservative values. His business acumen propelled him to prominent leadership roles and assignments under the Gold Dome, allowing him to bring a common sense private sector approach to state government by cutting billions of state spending and balancing Georgia's budget without raising taxes.

He also sought to bring free-market solutions to healthcare issues by advocating on behalf of community supported safety-net clinics, expanding immunity protections to doctors and nurses who selflessly volunteer their time to care for the uninsured, and championing meaningful tort reform to protect Georgians from frivolous lawsuits that drive up the cost of healthcare.

As Lieutenant Governor, Casey works tirelessly to ensure all children in Georgia have access to a personalized educational environment suited for their individual talents and needs. Thanks to his Charter System Initiative, entire school systems can now convert to charter system status and focus their efforts on educating students instead of complying with burdensome mandates.

Additionally, he launched the Georgia College and Career Academy Network, a partnership between local community leaders, school systems, and Georgia's technical colleges. The college and career academies provide a relevant and rigorous curriculum aimed at preparing students for a highly skilled, 21st-Century workforce upon graduation. Thanks to Casey's leadership, Georgia has 23 college and career academies today with additional academies planned every year.

An avid athlete, Casey also understands the importance of health and wellness for today's youth. Recognizing Georgia faces an obesity epidemic, with over one in three Georgia children considered obese, Casey, as both the Lieutenant Governor and a parent, decided it was time to reverse these trends and confront the challenge of childhood obesity. In 2010, he launched the Lieutenant Governor's Healthy Kids Challenge, with the goal of enrolling 50 Georgia schools in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program within one year. After achieving this initial goal in less than 3 months, the Lt. Governor is now working to provide every Georgia student with access to an environment that encourages healthy lifestyle decisions.

Casey is frequently honored for his efforts on behalf of the people of Georgia. Recently, James Magazine named Casey one of the most influential Georgians. He was one of only four public servants nationwide to receive the 2007 Champion for Charters Award and has been repeatedly recognized by various national and state groups for his support of small businesses. Lieutenant Governor Cagle also serves as Vice Chairman of the One Georgia Authority, as Vice Chairman of the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association. He has also been named a member of the Aspen-Rodell Fellowship for Public Leadership.

Notwithstanding his many accomplishments in private and public life, Casey is most proud to be a husband and a father. He has been married to Nita, his high school sweetheart, for 24 years and they are the proud parents of three sons- Jared, Grant, and Carter. They live in Chestnut Mountain and are active members of Blackshear Place Baptist Church.