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## **POLITICAL NOTEBOOK: Wilbanks among educators endorsing Isakson**

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U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson picked up an endorsement this past week from a name Gwinnett County residents know very well: J. Alvin Wilbanks.

The Gwinnett County Public Schools superintendent was among more than 60 educators from across Georgia who jointly announced their support for Isakson's re-election bid on Thursday. The group calls itself "Educators for Isakson."

"By listening to teachers, administrators and employers, along with students, Johnny Isakson has always worked to make sure our kids receive the best education possible here in Georgia to ensure their long-term success," Wilbanks said in a statement released by Isakson's campaign.

"Johnny listens and then he acts. He does everything he can to help educators equip Georgia students for a bright future. I look forward to his continued leadership in Washington."

Other local members of "Educators for Isakson" include state Rep. Brooks Coleman, R-Duluth, Georgia Gwinnett College adjunct professor Jose Perez and Georgia Department of Education Teacher Advisory Board member Donna Aker.

Isakson is facing Democratic candidate Jim Barksdale

and Libertarian candidate Allen Buckley in the Nov. 8 election. Woodall discusses economy, jobs at event. U.S. Rep. Rob Woodall, R-Ga., helped the Job Creators Network talk about government regulation, taxation and credit access this past week during a small business forum at the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.

The "Bring Small Businesses Back" event focused specifically on over-regulation, over-taxation and business owners lack of access to credit, according to Woodall's office. The Job Creators Network has been holding a series of similar town hall forums around Georgia, as well as the rest of the country, as a way to get small business owners and lawmakers talking to each other.

"Irrespective of politics, we all want a strong economy and good jobs in our community," Woodall said in a statement. "Time and again, I've had small business owners throughout the Seventh District tell me that if only Washington had consulted them before writing a new rule to regulate their industry, they could've helped craft a long-term solution rather than a new problem."

"These men and women are experts in their field, and leveraging that expertise is what these conversations are about."