

NAME: Beth Moore
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Georgia House, District 95



Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for office because right now in Peachtree Corners a family is being forced to decide between paying for food or medical prescriptions; because an aspiring entrepreneur in Norcross can't start her own business because of the rising costs of health insurance; and because a successful businessman in Berkeley Lake would like to retire early but fears his life's work will be at risk due to medical bankruptcy. I'm running because out-of-control health care costs are stifling growth in other sectors of the economy and leaving Georgians at risk. We can and must do better.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

In order to reign in healthcare costs, first we must expand Medicaid to working Georgians who fall into the coverage gap, who earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid but do not earn enough to qualify for federal subsidies. We have an opportunity to repatriate over \$3 billion per year we already pay in federal taxes to cover those costs while creating 56,000 healthcare jobs in the process. Second, I will propose the creation of a state-based individual health market exchange to make more - and more affordable - health insurance options available for small businesses and independent contractors.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

As a North Atlanta native, I am acutely aware of the history, culture and challenges of our district. I'm a living example of the success Georgia can achieve by investing in innovative educational programs like the talented and gifted program and the HOPE Scholarship. My professional background as an attorney and small business owner in Georgia's music, film and television industry place me at the unique intersection of law, business and creativity, which are valuable assets to the legislative process. As a Democrat married to a Republican, I always seek to understand various perspectives before making decisions that affect others.

How can we improve school safety?

First, we can implement new technology to better monitor campuses and to more quickly alert local law enforcement in case of an emergency. Second, we should invest in more school resource officers and counselors who are specifically trained to work with young people. Third, we should work to fully fund public education in order to reduce class sizes, allowing teachers more one-on-one time with their students to screen for problems before they arise. Fourth, we should invest in our schools' music and arts programs, which provide

a healthy outlet for self-expression and engender positive relationships among students and teachers.

Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

I'm a healthcare advocate because I'm an economic development advocate and vice versa. By making sure all Georgians have insurance cards in their pockets - in part by expanding Medicaid and by creating a Georgia-based individual health market exchange - we can revitalize small business creation, not only right here in Gwinnett County, but also in medically underserved areas of the state where the closure of rural hospitals has decimated entire communities. By controlling healthcare costs, state and local governments can redirect their resources to other areas of need, such as public education, teacher raises, mass transit, and job training.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background

I grew up in Dunwoody as the third of four children in a safe, loving, two-parent household. I was born legally blind and am grateful every day to the doctors who provide me with the gift of sight. I graduated high school from Wesleyan, attended UGA on the HOPE Scholarship, and earned my law degree from GSU. My passion to serve the underserved inspired me to start a law practice representing artists, musicians and entrepreneurs to help them become successful small business owners. My husband and I purchased our forever home in Lockridge Forest and enjoy living in Peachtree Corners.