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PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: U.S. Senate

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking office to return power, accountability and responsibility to the citizens of Georgia and the U.S. In Nov 2020 and Jan 2021, the U.S. changed drastically when Georgia elected two Democratic Senators, replacing the Republicans. As a result, the U.S. Senate tipped to 50/50 giving the Democratic Party control over the Senate with the Vice President available to break tie votes. The U.S. is now fully controlled by the Democratic Party. As a result, we are experiencing life in a miserable way through dangerous and reckless policies. Armed with Executive level experience and training, I can begin today!

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

If elected, I will coordinate between Congressional members to return to responsible governance as a pragmatic, conservative Senator. I anticipate a return to God- family- country, better relationships between citizens, and an emboldened National Security program. I envision the following: religious institutions can freely practice without governmental influence; businesses are no longer overly taxed; the rule of law returns to counter escalating crime; the #1 existential threat to the U.S. is identified as China, not global warming; restraints on spending coupled with a decreasing U.S. deficit is showcased. Energy independence is restored; and the southern U.S. border is secured.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am ready to serve as a Senator, now. My past performance (35 years) indicates future success. Through God and the U.S., my multi-functional skills, highlighted by civilian and governmental achievement (Executive level) are unique; already worked with Governors and on Capitol Hill. I commanded 6,000 persons and was responsible for creating and disseminating Strategic contracting policy while coordinating a \$6-Billion contracts requirements effort. I am the only clergy, and have served 10 years outside of the U.S. (11 Countries) coordinating Logistics and Contracting. I served as a University Adjunct Instructor and possess three Master Degrees.

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

Repairing the economy will require extensive coordination and cooperation. Not in this order, I will address cutting spending, returning to energy independence, defeating/fighting *Build-Back-Better*, prioritize spending with functions deemed an existential threat to the U.S., fight the notion “global warming is the existential threat”, close the border, adherence to rules already codified, not raising taxes, partnering to

discuss modifying our tax system (flat tax/fair tax), reducing Secretariats, i.e. IRS, EPA and Education where possible, empowering states, funding DoD (remove areas not synonymous with DoD mission, i.e. Critical Race Theory) considering a balanced budget amendment, and passing a budget.

5. What are your ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shooting?

Curbing area-wide shootings demand holding perpetrators criminally liable for their actions, and prosecuting criminals and criminal acts in accordance with the rule of law. It is reasonable to conduct discussions on limiting access to those experiencing well-defined and proven mental disorders, and those with felony backgrounds or proven through objective means to show a danger to society; do not disarm law abiding Americans. Employing use of advancing technologies to develop smart weapons could minimize area-wide shootings by associating a weapon with its owner(s). Executing such technologies require robust conversations to ensure actions do not infringe against 2nd Amendment rights.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

I was born in Macon, but grew up in Warner Robins. My parents are Reverend Harold McColum, Sr (deceased), and Eloise McColum. I have an adult daughter and 10 living siblings. I am a Christian, licensed to Ministry (1998) through Elizabeth Baptist Church, Atlanta, ordained in Virginia, and Pastored in Newnan. I completed 35 years in the Army, retiring as a Brigadier General with Middle East deployments, and present in the Pentagon 9-11 attack. I co-founded a church and served as a University Adjunct Instructor in Japan. My areas of expertise include Logistics, Contracting, Education, National Security, Business, and Religion.