**NAME:** Mark Gonsalves

PARTY: Republican

SEEKING: U.S. Congress, 7th District

## 1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am running in Georgia's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District because our Congress has become a broken institution. The only way we'll fix Congress is by changing the kind of people we send to Congress. I believe our federal government no longer protects the freedoms of its citizens, nor protects the wealth and sovereignty of our nation. I will work to ensure our uniquely American freedoms are preserved for our children and grandchildren; our economic freedom, medical freedom, freedom to assemble and our freedom of speech. Those freedoms made us the greatest nation the world has ever known. We cannot afford to (100).

## 2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

When elected, I expect to work with the new majority to pass legislation that will help local businesses thrive and create new jobs, fund necessary law enforcement initiatives, return our energy independence, reduce spending, address our debt, bring pricing transparency and free market principles to healthcare and expand parental rights for our children's educational future.

#### 3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

My candidacy is unique in that it focuses on "Freedom First!". Where other candidates will tell you what they will change in our system, my campaign recognizes our personal freedoms and rights are innate and cannot, and should not, be taken away by politicians. The USA is the greatest country in the world because our citizens enjoy the freedom to reach for their highest goals possible without being stopped by government force. As your Congressman, I believe we cannot pursue a more perfect union without our freedoms being first.

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

Government Bureaucracy effecting Small Business: Where once government supported or at least got out of the way of small business, government is now actively attempting to crush small business with regulations and rules. Special interests and large corporations draft laws specifically to limit competition; capitalism has become crony capitalism and it's completely un-American. Congress is now used as a weapon for the powerful to stop or prevent competition which is the basis of our Free Market. This will not be allowed to

continue while I'm your congressman. We need less bureaucracy and less unfunded mandates, not more. We need to (100).

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

Shootings are stopped by an increased, properly trained police presence, mental health awareness, and the full application of the Law in our courts. Recently, a terrible agenda to defund police and disarm citizens has caused crime to spike and for families to feel unsafe in their own homes and communities. This must stop before more innocent victims needlessly pay the ultimate price. More police need to be added on our streets, not less. Mental health professionals must be empowered to take the dangerous out of society and invest in more facilities to provide them proper care. Lastly, citizens must have (100).

#### 6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

As a proud husband and dad, successful businessman Mark Gonsalves enjoys a reputation for "getting things done."

Gonsalves is best known for a business career helping to build, grow and turnaround companies which created thousands of jobs. His successes include Adams Golf's rise to the 4th fastest growing private company in the US before going public on the Nasdaq Exchange and revolutionizing the DirectBuy brand which was purchased by Private Equity for \$550 million.

Mark is a true outsider, not a career politician, who has the guts to **stand up to the nonsense in DC and put our Freedom First!**