



# *Senator Chip Pearson*

## *Senate District 51*



State Sen. Chip Pearson represents Senate District 51, which includes Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Pickens and Union counties, and portions of Forsyth and White counties. He is the founder, president and CEO of Pecos, Inc. and Paramount Grading Co. Sen. Pearson currently serves on the board of the Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and he is a former member of the boards of the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism and the Dawson County Development Authority.

Over the last several years, Sen. Pearson has been very active in the Republican Party in Georgia. He served for three years on the State Executive Committee of the Georgia Republican Party and for four years as chairman of the Dawson County Republican Party. He graduated from the Coverdell Leadership Institute and is widely respected in political circles for his active involvement in statewide grassroots campaign efforts supporting Republican elected officials. On November 2, 2004, Sen. Pearson was elected to his first term in the state Senate by garnering an impressive 63 percent of the vote. As a freshman Senator, he was selected by Senate leadership to serve as a Deputy Majority Whip and was assigned to the Appropriations, Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Transportation and Regulated Industries and Utilities Committees.

After running unopposed in 2006, Sen. Pearson is now serving in his second term in the Senate. He has been appointed chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee and secretary of the Senate Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations, Rules, Administrative Affairs and Insurance and Labor Committees and the influential Committee on Assignments. He also serves the Senate as a Deputy Whip.

A graduate of Shorter College, Chip is involved in a wide array of community groups including Rotary, National Federation of Independent Business and the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. Sen. Pearson is

also a licensed pilot and an Eagle Scout. He is happily married to the former Jill Christian, and they are the proud parents of three children – Madeleine, Mary Anna and Edward. Residents of Dawson County for 18 years, the Pearsons worship at Amicalola Baptist Church, where Chip teaches Sunday school.

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