

Rep. John Carson District 46

## **Biography**

John Carson was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in an October 2011 special election run-off. He represents the 46th House District, which includes northeast Cobb and southeast Cherokee Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the Retirement Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications, Insurance, Rules, Transportation and Ways & Means committees.

An Atlanta native, John was raised in a family that encouraged conservative values, the importance of education and excellent work ethic. John's late father was an engineer for Georgia Power and small business owner. His mother raised three sons and worked in counseling roles at charitable organizations.

John has 18 years of Georgia public education, including a BBA in Accounting from Georgia State University and a MBA in Finance from Kennesaw State University. He is a CPA and owns Armagh Capital based in Atlanta. John was previously employed with KPMG, GE Capital and SunTrust.

John belongs to the following civic and professional organizations: Georgia Chamber of Commerce (Board of Directors), Cobb Chamber of Commerce, MUST Ministries (Board of Directors), Georgia Society of CPAs, Northeast Cobb Business Association and the National Distracted Driving Coalition of the NTSB. In addition, he has prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout, 1989), Cobb County Commission for Children and Youth (treasurer, member of Executive Committee), Rotary International, YoungLife, Alpha Ministries and the Kennesaw State University Graduate Student Association (past president).

Having served in the General Assembly for more than 10 years, John has sponsored numerous bills that have been signed into law. His two biggest accomplishments include authoring and championing House Bill 673, Georgia's Hands-Free Law, increasing the Qualified Education Expense (SSO) program to \$100 million through House Bill 217, and authoring and championing Georgia's Anti-Semitism bill, House Bill 30.

John and his wife, Beverly, have been married since 2005 and have two children. Their family attends Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and previously attended Mount Paran North Church of God for more than 10 years.