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THIS ISSUE INSIDE

VOTE

Alabama Retail Association

recommends these candidates as the best

choices for Alabama retailers in the **July 15** primary runoffs. Don't run off on the runoff.

PRIMARY RUNOFF BALLOT
JULY 15, 2014

THESE OFFICES WILL APPEAR
ON ALL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOTS

FOR
SECRETARY
OF STATE
(Vote for ...)



JOHN MERRILL

FOR PSC,
Place No. 2
(Vote for ...)



CHIP BEEKER

THESE OFFICES WILL APPEAR ON REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
BALLOTS IN THESE DISTRICTS

FOR UNITED STATES
REPRESENTATIVE,
6th
Congressional
District
(Vote for ...)



PAUL DEMARCO

FOR
STATE SENATOR,
District No. 30
(Vote for ...)



CLYDE CHAMBLISS

FOR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE,
District No. 12
(Vote for ...)



MAC BUTTRAM

FOR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE,
District No. 43
(Vote for ...)



ARNOLD MOONEY

THE OFFICE AT RIGHT
WILL APPEAR ON THE
DEMOCRATIC
PRIMARY BALLOT
ONLY IN THIS DISTRICT

FOR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE,
District No. 72
(Vote for ...)



RALPH HOWARD

Alabama Retail officers, others travel to D.C. to urge e-fairness

Five Alabama Retail Association members met in mid-June with Alabama's congressional members and staff to present their case on the need for passage of federal e-fairness legislation this year.

"Congress can send a powerful message that they support small business by ending policies that pick winners and losers in the free market," said George Wilder, chairman of the Alabama Retail Association and owner of the Locker Room in Montgomery and Auburn. "The time for action is this year. We need our House delegation to join Sens. Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions in support of an e-fairness solution."



George Wilder

Overwhelmingly and in a rare act of bipartisanship, the U.S. Senate passed its version of e-fairness legislation last year, the Marketplace Fairness Act. To date, the U.S. House has held hearings but has not acted on legislation.

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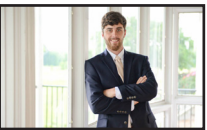
— In the June 3 primary, 93 percent of the candidates Alabama Retail endorsed were elected, nominated or won a runoff

position. Plan to go to the polls again July 15 and consider voting for the candidates backed by Alabama Retail.



— Clothiers, a jeweler, a furniture store owner and a grocery representative traveled to Washington, D.C., on behalf of all

Alabama retailers to advocate for the passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act this year. They told Congress to quit picking winners and losers when it comes to who collects sales taxes.



— Alabama Retail's newest customer service representative graduated from college, got married and started full-time employment all in one month.



— We are proud to announce two births. Two Alabama Retail Comp team members have added to their families. Congratulations!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT
RICK BROWN



The next date of importance in this election cycle is Tuesday, July 15. Your Alabama Retail Association asks you to support seven runoff candidates on that ballot, two of whom will appear on every ballot – John Merrill for Secretary of State and Chip Beeker for PSC, Place 2. Please help elect them as well as the five district candidates featured on Page 1, if you vote in those districts and in the proper primary.

Thank you for making the retail vote count in the June 3 primary. Plan to vote July 15 and finish the job. You helped

make 93 percent of the candidates your association endorsed on June 3 winners, either of their office or their party nomination or you put them in a runoff.

Besides elections, the other retail issue receiving attention this summer is e-fairness.

Please take time to write a letter to your local newspaper and contact your congressional representative and let them know you want to level the sales tax collection playing field.

Rick Brown: rbrown@alabamaretail.org



From left, George Wilder, Davis Wilder, Ricky Bromberg, Rick Brown, Darrell Bourne and Jacob Shevin.

Officers, others travel to D.C.

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Go to standwithmainstreet.com to learn more.

Spending two days in Washington, D.C., were Wilder, Alabama Retail Association President **Rick Brown** and Vice President **Alison Wingate**, along with:

- Vice Chairman **Ricky Bromberg, Bromberg & Co. Inc.** in Birmingham
- Executive Committee Designee **Jacob Shevin, Standard Furniture** in Birmingham
- Former Chairman **Darrell Bourne, Ragland Bros. Retail Cos. Inc.** in Huntsville
- **Davis Wilder, The Locker Room** in Auburn

George Wilder also made radio and television appearances to further promote the passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act.

Meanwhile, the Alabama Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission was to meet



George Wilder, right, talks with an Alabama Public Television reporter in his Montgomery store.

July 9 to discuss the federal legislation and any alternatives that may be available for Alabama to consider. **Alvin Lewis**, vice president of tax at Alabama-based **Books-A-Million**, represents retailers on that commission.

You made the retail vote count

Learn more about elections under the Advocacy section of alabamaretail.org

Thank you for going to the polls Tuesday, June 3, and casting your ballots for candidates who are right for retailers.

You truly made the retail vote count with 93 percent of our endorsed candidates, either elected outright, as party nominees or in runoffs.

Our association is 4,000 members strong, so our VOICE and our VOTE makes a difference when ballots are counted.

JULY 15 RUNOFF CANDIDATES

Make plans to return to the polls July 15 for the primary runoff elections to support the Alabama Retail endorsed candidates featured on Page 1.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE ELECTED JUNE 3

More than a dozen Retail-endorsed candidates who faced primary opposition in the June 3 primary have no opposition from the other major political party and no announced independent candidate opposition. Congratulate these elected officials:

STATEWIDE

PSC, Place No. 1, Jeremy Oden (R)

DISTRICT

U.S. House District 7, Terry Sewell (D) Birmingham
Senate District 2, Bill Holtzclaw (R) Madison
House District 9, Ed Henry (R) Hartselle
House District 26, Kerry Rich (R) Albertville
House District 54, Patricia Todd (D) Birmingham
House District 55, Rod Scott (D) Fairfield
House District 59, Mary Moore (D) Birmingham
House District 60, Juandalynn Givan (D) Birmingham
House District 61, Alan Harper (R) Aliceville
House District 62, Rich Wingo (R) Tuscaloosa
House District 64, Harry Shiver (R) Bay Minette
House District 71, A.J. McCampbell (D) Livingston
House District 73, Matt Fridy (R) Montevallo
House District 99, James Buskey (D) Mobile
House District 101, Chris Pringle (R) Mobile
House District 102, Jack Williams (R) Wilmer

SUPPORT THESE PARTY NOMINEES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

Congratulate these party nominees and make plans to support them in November:

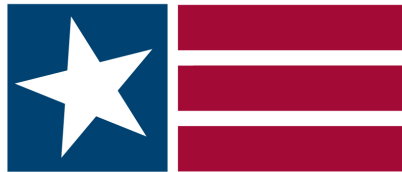
STATEWIDE

Governor: Robert Bentley (R)
Lieutenant Governor: Kay Ivey (R)
Attorney General: Luther Strange (R)
Agriculture Commissioner: John McMillan (R)
State Treasurer: Young Boozar (R)

DISTRICT

U.S. House District 1, Bradley Byrne (R) Mobile

M a k e t h e
R E T A I L



V O T E C O U N T

U.S. House District 2, Martha Roby (R) Montgomery
U.S. House District 3, Mike Rogers (R) Saks
U.S. House District 5, Mo Brooks (R) Huntsville
Senate District 4, Paul Bussman (R) Cullman
Senate District 6, Roger Bedford (D) Russellville
Senate District 7, Paul Sanford (R) Huntsville
Senate District 8, Steve Livingston (R) Scottsboro
Senate District 10, Phil Williams (R) Rainbow City
Senate District 12, Del Marsh (R) Anniston
Senate District 13, Gerald Dial (R) Lineville
Senate District 16, Jabo Waggoner (R) Vestavia Hills
Senate District 20, Linda Coleman (D) Birmingham
Senate District 21, Gerald Allen (R) Tuscaloosa
Senate District 27, Tom Whatley (R) Auburn
Senate District 31, Jimmy Holley (R) Elba
Senate District 32, Tripp Pittman (R) Daphne
Senate District 35, Bill Hightower (R) Mobile
House District 1, Greg Burdine (D) Florence
House District 2, Lynn Greer (R) Rogersville
House District 3, Marcel Black (D) Tusculmbia
House District 5, Dan Williams (R) Athens
House District 7, Ken Johnson (R) Moulton
House District 8, Terri Collins (R) Decatur
House District 16, Kyle South (R) Fayette
House District 17, Mike Millican (R) Hamilton
House District 18, Johnny Mack Marrow (D) Red Bay
House District 19, Laura Hall (D) Huntsville
House District 21, Jim Patterson (R) Meridianville
House District 23, John Robinson (D) Scottsboro
House District 24, Nathaniel Ledbetter (R) Rainsville
House District 27, William Ainsworth (R) Guntersville
House District 28, Craig Ford (D) Gadsden
House District 29, Becky Nordgren (R) Gadsden
House District 32, Barbara Boyd (D) Anniston
House District 33, Ron Johnson (R) Sylacauga
House District 39, Richard Lindsey (D) Centre
House District 40, K.L. Brown (R) Jacksonville
House District 47, Jack Williams (R) Birmingham
House District 52, John Rogers Jr. (D) Birmingham
House District 65, Elaine Beech (D) Chatom
House District 69, Kelvin Lawrence (D) Hayneville
House District 74, Dimitri Polozos (R) Montgomery
House District 79, Mike Hubbard (R) Auburn
House District 80, Lesley Vance (R) Phenix City
House District 81, Mark Tuggle (R) Alexander City
House District 84, Berry Forte (D) Eufaula
House District 89, Alan Boothe (R) Troy
House District 91, Barry Moore (R) Enterprise
House District 93, Steve Clouse (R) Ozark
House District 98, Napoleon Bracy (D) Ozark

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE UNOPPOSED OFFICIALS

More than 50 of the candidates endorsed by the Alabama Retail Association will be elected to the offices they seek without opposition. Congratulate these elected officials:

STATEWIDE

U.S. Senate, Jeff Sessions (R) Mobile

DISTRICT

U.S. House District 4, Robert Aderholt (R) Haleyville
Senate District 3, Arthur Orr (R) Decatur
Senate District 5, Greg Reed (R) Jasper
Senate District 9, Clay Scofield (R) Guntersville
Senate District 14, Cam Ward (R) Alabaster
Senate District 15, Slade Blackwell (R) Birmingham
Senate District 18, Rodger Smitherman (D) Birmingham
Senate District 19, Priscilla Dunn (D) Bessemer
Senate District 24, Bobby Singleton (D) Greensboro
Senate District 25, Dick Brewbaker (R) Montgomery
Senate District 26, Quinton Ross (D) Montgomery
Senate District 28, Billy Beasley (D) Clayton
Senate District 33, Vivian Figures (D) Mobile
Senate District 34, Rusty Glover (R) Semmes
House District 4, Micky Hammon (R) Decatur
House District 6, Phil Williams (R) Huntsville
House District 10, Mike Ball (R) Madison
House District 11, Randall Shedd (R) Cullman
House District 15, Allen Farley (R) McCalla
House District 20, Howard Sanderford (R) Huntsville
House District 25, Mac McCutcheon (R) Capshaw
House District 31, Mike Holmes (R) Wetumpka
House District 34, David Standridge (R) Hayden
House District 36, Randy Wood (R) Anniston
House District 41, Mike Hill (R) Columbiana
House District 45, Dickie Drake (R) Leeds
House District 48, Jim Carns (R) Birmingham
House District 49, April Weaver (R) Brierfield
House District 51, Allen Treadaway (R) Morris
House District 53, Anthony Daniels (D) Huntsville
House District 57, Merika Evans (D) Birmingham
House District 58, Oliver Robinson (D) Birmingham
House District 63, Bill Poole (R) Tuscaloosa
House District 66, Alan Baker (R) Brewton
House District 68, Thomas Jackson (D) Thomasville
House District 70, Chris England (D) Tuscaloosa
House District 75, Reed Ingram (R) Montgomery
House District 82, Pebblin Warren (D) Tuskegee
House District 86, Paul Lee (R) Dothan
House District 87, Donnie Chesteen (R) Geneva
House District 88, Paul Beckman (R) Prattville
House District 92, Mike Jones Jr. (R) Andalusia
House District 94, Joe Faust (R) Fairhope
House District 95, Steve McMillan (R) Bay Minette
House District 96, Randy Davis (R) Daphne
House District 97, Adline Clark (D) Mobile
House District 100, Victor Gaston (R) Mobile
House District 104, Margie Wilcox (R) Mobile
House District 105, David Sessions (R) Grand Bay

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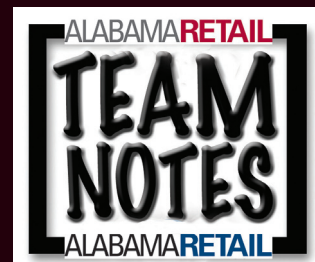
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Our VP is statewide VP

Alabama Retail Association Vice President **Alison Wingate**, CAE, is serving as the 2014 vice president of the Alabama Council of Association Executives, a statewide organization representing 140 associations operating in Alabama.

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Newest service rep graduates, marries, starts job in 1 month

Alabama Retail Comp's newest employee had an extremely busy May. **Cody Bell** graduated May 2 from Faulkner University in Montgomery with a degree in business administration; married Laura Jean Plunkett on May 10; and began working full time May 19 as

an ARC customer service representative.

While attending Faulkner, Bell worked part time at Alabama Retail Comp as an audit intern for two audit seasons.

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It's a girl ...

Late last year, the Alabama Retail Comp family grew with the birth of two offspring. On Oct. 23, 2013, Customer



Service Representative **Jennifer Gallops**, CISR, and her husband,

Michael, welcomed Baylor Mae Gallops. Baylor weighed eight pounds and six ounces and was 20.5 inches long at birth.

Congratulate Jennifer at 334.551.0625
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... and it's a boy

On New Year's Eve (Dec. 31, 2013), Daniel Lee Edwards, the son

of Marketing and Agency Relations Director

Boyd Edwards

and his wife, Christy, arrived. He weighed in at nine pounds and was 21.5 inches long at birth.



Congratulate Boyd at 334.551.0707
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