Congressman Jack Kingston has served Georgia’s 1st District for the past 16 years and was elected to his 9th term in November 2008. Throughout his career in public service at the state and national levels, he has fought to lower taxes, balance the budget, and reduce government interference in our lives. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee which is responsible for deciding how the federal budget is spent, Congressman Kingston serves on the Defense Subcommittee which oversees all military based funding. With the 1st District home to Moody Air Force Base, Ft. Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Congressman Kingston has a special interest in America’s defense abilities. Recently appointed Ranking Member on the Appropriations Committee’s Agriculture Subcommittee, he maintains a close relationship with Georgia’s farmers and has been one of their strongest allies in Washington. His conservative track record has won him recognition and awards from many non-partisan citizens’ groups and media outlets. In 2005, Congressman Kingston was rated as the "Most conservative Member of the House" by the National Journal for his voting record the previous year. Congressman Kingston was awarded the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s “Spirit of Enterprise” Award and “Watchdog of the U.S. Treasury” Award.