



### 2010 Legislative Session Update

By: Rep. Mike Hubbard (R-Auburn)  
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With the 2010 Legislative Session just over its halfway point, it is abundantly clear that there has never been a more important time to elect conservatives - and to "retire" Democrats who are beholden to the liberal special interests - than November of 2010.

As usual, the Democrats come to Montgomery pushing their perennial agenda items of higher taxes, redistribution of wealth, more entitlement programs and bigger government and to sentence good, common sense Republican legislation to a quick death.

Two issues quickly killed by Democrats included a bill allowing Charter Schools and placing a Teacher Code of Ethics in the Alabama Code. These issues were sentenced to a quick death when the Alabama Education Association (a.k.a. The Alabama Democratic Party) gave them a "thumbs down."

Charter Schools provide competition to failing schools and actually pay teachers based on performance. By their vote, Democrats in the Legislature told parents that they don't deserve choices when it comes to their children's education. Charter schools are public schools that take some power away from the unions, so the Democrats quickly killed the bill.

Democrats also decided that teachers in Alabama should not have a strict Code of Ethics, even though it was written by teachers and endorsed by this year's Alabama Teacher-of-the-Year. The code, adopted by the State Board of Education, would ensure that educators conduct themselves ethically, honestly and morally when teaching our children. The problem is, the Code of Ethics would have made it easier to get rid of bad teachers, which is exactly what the teachers' union does NOT want!

These are just two examples, but rest assured there have been and will be many more before the Legislative Session is over. But we can change all of this beginning with the 2011 session if Republicans remain vigilant, focused and energized as we head toward November.

We have a tremendous opportunity to make a difference, to move Alabama forward and to change the status quo in Montgomery.

Fight Back! Vote Republican!



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## Success in House District 40!

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The citizens of House District 40 in Calhoun County elected K.L. Brown as the 45th Republican member of the Alabama House of Representatives on February 16th. This was a historic election because Rep. Brown became the first Republican to represent this area. It was also significant because Republicans are now only eight seats away from a majority in the State House. This is as close as we've been since Reconstruction!

You'll be pleased to know your Alabama Republican Party played a significant role in this race working alongside K.L. Brown and his team to put together an efficient and effective campaign. Not only did we assist with polling, research, television ads, radio ads and direct mail, but our political team put together a fantastic "get out the vote" program that resulted in Mr. Brown winning by a comfortable 14 point margin. They accomplished this by partnering with volunteers to make approximately 16,000 phone calls and knocking on just under 3,000 doors within the district.

This win marked a successful beginning to the 2010 Election Cycle for the Republican Party and will provide us with a good deal of momentum as we move toward November. We're confident

we will have the plan, the candidates, the team and resources to reach the lofty goals we've set for ourselves. I hope you'll join us in recommitting to the cause and making 2010 a historic year for Republicans!



*Rep. K.L. Brown - HD 40*



*Governor Tim Pawlenty, Minnesota*



## 2010 is Off to a Great Start!

By: Sidney Rue

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The Alabama Republican Party's Red, White and Blue Dinner last month kicked off this election year with a huge bang! Records were set when over 700 Republicans from across the state gathered in Montgomery to attend this annual dinner, and on top of that over \$100,000

was raised! It was a pleasure having Governor Pawlenty from Minnesota as our keynote speaker for the evening. He energized the crowd and has Republicans ready to fight back in November. A special thanks goes out to all the sponsors of our dinner for their support of this event.

Please mark your calendar for our Summer Dinner coming up on June 25th, 2010 in Birmingham at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center. Hotel Reservations can be made at the Birmingham Marriott Hotel at 1-888-426-5171. We will be updating you on further details for this event as it gets closer.



## 2010 Qualifying Opens at Headquarters

By: Ryan Cantrell

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Qualifying has officially begun at the Alabama Republican Party! It opened on March 2nd and closes on April 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Our office in Birmingham will be open for qualifying Monday – Friday throughout the entire month for those wishing to come to the office to drop off their qualifying papers.

For those who plan on becoming a candidate, qualifying papers can be found on our website, [www.alabama2010.com](http://www.alabama2010.com), under the candidate's portion of the site.

For those of you who are interested in finding out who has qualified to run on the Republican ticket, we will be updating our website every day with the latest candidates who file their paperwork. Also, our web site will have a link to all of our candidates' websites where you will be able to find out more information about their campaign.

If you have any questions about qualifying, please give us a call at the office, 205-212-5900.