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Georgia Watch names Rep. Rich Golick "Legislator of the Year"

GW board member Clark Howard will present award in ceremony.

ATLANTA – Georgia Watch board member and bestselling consumer guru Clark Howard will present to Rep. Rich Golick (R-Smyrna) the first annual Georgia Watch "Legislator of the Year" award at the Rotary Club of Vinings on **Wednesday, May 14, 2008**.

A co-sponsor of a crucial \$3 amendment to House Bill 130 – the credit freeze bill, Rep. Golick also sponsored a pro-consumer bill that would return to a borrower any money left over from the sale of a repossessed vehicle.

Under current Georgia law, car title lenders can repossess a pawned car if the terms of the loan aren't met, selling it to settle the loan debt and other costs. After the debt is settled, many lenders pocket the extra money made off the sale, something Golick claimed to be "unjust enrichment." His bill would have guaranteed car title lenders are paid what they are due, while giving back the leftovers to the borrower.

Through his support and sponsorship of both the credit freeze fee amendment and the car title loan bill, Golick has demonstrated his dedication to Georgia's consumers.

"Short quote commending Golick here," said Georgia Watch Executive Director Allison Wall.

Who: Rep. Rich Golick, Georgia Watch board member Clark Howard and members of the Rotary Club of Vinings.

What: The presentation to Golick the award of being named Georgia Watch's "Legislator of the Year"

When: Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Where: The Rotary Club of Vinings, 2859 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, Ga., 30339

Founded in 2002, Georgia Watch is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501-(c)(3) watchdog group focusing on consumer education and research in the areas of health care, insurance, identity theft and personal finance.