



December 31st, 2014

MY HEART

I would just like to start off saying thank you all for your support. I also want to give a shout out to my brother, Josh; most of you know my brother Josh Clark the current state rep for district 98, and the values that he held close to his heart. I can assure you, he and I have the exact same conservative views. We were raised to love our God, Family, and Country more than life itself. A little about my childhood, I grew up in a Family of 10. I have 6 brothers, and 3 sisters, and wouldn't trade any of them for the world. I'm truly blessed to have an amazing family. Half of my childhood was spent on a farm in Suwanee, and the last half was in Buford on Lake Lanier.

Right out of high school, I had the honor of serving my country in the army for six years. I looked at it as a chance to express my gratitude to the over 1.3 million soldiers who have given their lives for this great country. It was truly the greatest experience of my life, to serve the greatest nation that ever existed on the face of this earth. I was fortunate and blessed to come home in one piece, unlike so many others who paid the ultimate price. Therefore, I believe I must continue to earn my freedom by continuing to defend what they were so willing to die for.

I'm very excited to have this honor of representing my district and State at the Capitol. In order to protect our freedom and pass it on to our next generation, it must start right here at the state level. Our biggest fight to save our freedom isn't with the enemies on the outside, but with the enemies on the inside. We must guard against the things which are slowly eating us from the inside out. I believe that to save this country, we must connect with the younger generation. So many of my generation have lost sight of who America is and what made us so great. They have forgotten the dreams and visions of our founding fathers. I want to play whatever part I can in helping recreate those visions. I'm willing to give all of me, no matter the significance of the position, or the sacrifice I must give to make that happen. The Republican Party is where it will start, but we must attract the younger generation if we want to change the direction this country is going.

This vision reminds me of the quote from one of my heroes, President Ronald Reagan, when he said, "*Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.*"

I also believe we must all sit back and remember that what matters most in our lives is that we pass on greater freedom, security, and prosperity to our next generation, because if not, American

will cease to exist. We all will die one day, but the contributions and sacrifices we make in our current life time will echo for generations to come.

I believe too often we forget all the soldiers who have died for us in the past, that they gave their today, that we might have our tomorrow.

Ten years from now, I want to be able to look into the eyes of all the kids who lost a dad, mother, brother, sister, daughter, or son in our current war with Iraq and Afghanistan, and say that what they sacrificed was not done in vain. I want to be able to assure them that this is still the same country they fought and gave their life for.

What drives me isn't power, fame, or money, but the desire to make my God, founding fathers, and the over 1.3 million soldiers who have died, proud.

I also believe that it's time we work toward unity here in America instead of always fighting among ourselves, be it over party lines, race, or religion. Our whole objective should be to give of ourselves, no matter the cost, in order to make America greater and preserve our freedom. As a kid, and even to this day, I believe with all my heart that there is only ONE race here in America and that's American. Our hearts all beat red, white, and blue. I have a lot of heroes from our past history, but one that has always stood out to me was John Quincy Adams; he lived the creed that America is one RACE, and that's American. At eight years old he trained with the militia; at fourteen, he was an ambassador to Russia. After his term as president, he ran for congress, and for 17 years he fought to end slavery. It never passed in his lifetime, but he was able to mentor a guy by the name of Abraham Lincoln who would later use the same three step plan John Quincy Adams was trying to pass to end slavery. It doesn't matter how many stand with you as long as when you die, you know you gave your all for that which is right, and just.

America is a passionate idea or it is nothing. America is a human brotherhood or it is chaos. – Max Lerner

Any mission that stands for freedom is honorable, no matter how big or small it is. We all play a part, and I feel incredibly blessed to play whatever part I can in the Gwinnett GOP party. I just want to give of my life wherever it can be used, to say thank you to my founding fathers. They were willing to give of their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor; in fact, a number of them gave **everything**.

We have one life. Now what will we do with our one life? That's the question that drives me. It's not about doing things my way; it's about doing what I believe is right.

So in ending, I just want to state the three philosophies I live by, that will keep me accountable to you, my district, my state and my country:

1. I know that I will stand before God one day and be accountable for all that I do.
2. I will act with the knowledge that I will be held accountable to the 1.3 million men and women who have died for my freedom and who have entrusted me to carry on that which they died for.

3. I will be accountable to the next generation, your young children and your grandchildren. Every law I try to push and every bill I sign, issue, or stand on, I know I will be accountable for. I strive to repay the debt I owe for my freedom and make my God, founding fathers, and fellow soldiers proud.

“There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.” – Ronald Reagan

Your Representative-Elect,

David Clark

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "C".

Georgia State House District 98