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Westmoreland endorses Romney

“Georgia Republicans play a crucial role on Super Tuesday. Our presidential nomination process has huge implications for the future of the Republican Party. I believe, and I hope Georgia voters agree, that our best hope going forward rests with Gov. Mitt Romney.

“A Georgia GOP primary works as a filter – only a true conservative can get through one. It appears that we are now down to a two-person race and Georgians can help winnow the field and protect our party’s conservative values and principles.

“Gov. Romney has succeeded in everything that he has done. He rescued the Winter Olympics from disaster, he built an incredibly successful business and he governed a state with notable accomplishments despite working with a Legislature that was more than 80 percent Democratic. One of his opponents has scornfully called him a “manager for profit.” If excelling in business hurts a candidate in a Republican primary, I’m terrified about the future of the party. We are the party of entrepreneurship, wealth creation and strong, open markets. A successful, visionary executive fits the profile of exactly what we need in the Oval Office during a time of economic turmoil.

“After a year of soul-searching following the 2006 election losses, Republicans need to unite behind a candidate who will fight for low taxes, defend our borders, protect our nation’s security, appoint strict-constructionist judges, manage the economy with the experience of a businessman and promote family values. That candidate is Mitt Romney. I endorse him for president of the United States, and I encourage Georgia conservatives to rally to this cause and cast their votes for him on Tuesday.”