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President Flora W. Tydings of Athens Technical College is pleased to announce that Lt. Governor Casey Cagle will be the key note speaker for the Athens Technical College Commencement ceremony. The ceremony will take place Saturday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia.

Born in Hall County – a seventh generation resident – Casey Cagle graduated from Johnson High School, then attended Gainesville College and Georgia Southern University. After purchasing his first small business at age 20, he went on to become a leader in the banking and real estate industries of Northeast Georgia.

Mr. Cagle was first elected to the State Senate in 1994, where he served 12 successful and productive years representing the 49th District. During his time in the Senate, Mr. Cagle served as chairman of the Finance Committee and on several other key committees, including the influential Appropriations, Banking and Financial Institutions, Higher Education, and Natural Resources Committees. He has been a staunch supporter of lowering taxes and protecting private property rights as well as a passionate advocate for protecting Georgia's families. In 1999, Senator Cagle was instrumental in the passage of "Heidi's Law" which toughened penalties for repeat drunk drivers.

On November 7, 2006, Casey Cagle made history by becoming the first Republican ever elected to the state's second highest office. As Georgia's 11th Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Cagle is working to make Georgia a state where every single citizen, regardless of their current circumstances, can achieve the American dream. He is committed to creating an environment in which Georgia's citizens and businesses can prosper. Likewise, the Lieutenant Governor is tirelessly working to create a pro-jobs culture throughout state government and an education system which focuses on the needs of the individual child. The Lieutenant Governor will unite the Senate around the common goal of realizing that vision and making life better for all Georgians.

In recognition of his achievements and his commitment to Georgia, Georgia Trend Magazine listed the Mr. Cagle as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians of 2006. James Magazine also named him one of its People of the Year for 2007. He serves as Vice Chair of the One Georgia Authority, Vice Chair of the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission, and on the Executive Committee of the Republican Lt. Governor's Association.

Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and his wife Nita are the parents of three sons, Jared, Grant, and Carter. The Cagle's currently live in Chestnut Mountain, where they are active members of Blackshear Place Baptist Church.

Athens Technical College has 807 graduates eligible to participate in this years' ceremony. 314 graduates will receive and Associates degree, 266 will receive a Diploma and 227 students will receive Technical Certificates of Credit.