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Eric Johnson, Georgia State Senator

Senator Eric Johnson is an architect and partner with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, an architectural and engineering firm with offices in Savannah and Gainesville, Georgia as well as Columbia and Charleston, South Carolina. He is married to the former Kathryn Miller of Savannah and they have two children, Righton and Marcus. His family attends Savannah Christian Church.

In 1992, Eric was elected to the Georgia House seat vacated by Jack Kingston and served as director of Kingston's successful campaign for Congress. He was elected to the State Senate in 1994. Eric has served as the Minority Leader in the Georgia Senate, a position held in the past by U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell and Congressman Johnny Isakson. On January 13, 2003, Senator Johnson was elected the state's first republican Senate President Pro Tempore since reconstruction.

Eric is a member of the powerful Rules Committee. He also serves as secretary of Appropriations; vice chairman of the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee; a member of the Finance Committee and the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee; and serves as an ex-officio member of the Economic Development and Tourism, Education, and Natural Resources and the Environment Committees.

Johnson has been named one the "100 Most Influential Georgians" by Georgia Trend magazine every year since 1999. He also served as Co-Chairman of the George W. Bush for President Committee in Georgia. Recently, he was awarded the Georgia Conservation Voters Environmental Leadership Award 2003.

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