



They call **Mark Taylor** the Big Guy.

His achievements –from sponsoring the Georgia Lottery that created the HOPE Scholarships to leading the fight for free pre-kindergarten for every child to passing the biggest family tax cuts in history and the toughest crime laws in the nation– have touched almost every family in Georgia.

The Big Guy has always fought for the little guy.

It isn't an accident.

Mark Taylor hails from Albany, Georgia, a place where folks work hard, fear God, and care for each other. And they never, ever turn their backs on their neighbors, especially those who need their help most.

His father Fred started off with \$95 in his pocket and started a business. He didn't succeed the first time. But he did not give up. He taught young Mark to fight for what you believe in, to never quit, to never give up.

Mark's mother Tommie went to South Georgia College at a time when very few Georgians went on to higher education, especially women. Then she made the choice to stay at home and raise her family. Today, her son has the values she taught him: sacrifice and the critical importance of education.

Mark never forgot what he learned growing up.

Never give up. Hard work is rewarded. Have faith in God. Nothing is more important than family. Say what you mean, and do what you say. Education –above all– is the key to success. Put others first.

These lessons have guided Mark's whole public career.

Today, nearly one million Georgia kids –your kids– have been touched by the HOPE scholarships Mark fought to pass. More than 700,000 kids have gone through the pre-K program Mark helped to found. That's nearly 1.7 million Georgia kids and over 3 million Georgia parents, all getting free access to levels of education unheard of anywhere else in the United States.

And it doesn't stop there.

Today, Georgia families save more than \$700 million dollars a year because Mark passed legislation to remove the sales tax from groceries. And that tax cut helps those who have the least more than anyone.

Our families are safer because Mark passed laws that put the most violent repeat offenders in Georgia – the folks who commit the majority of the crimes– behind bars for life.

Mark started pushing for children's health care early in his career, and today, 230,000 Georgia kids get health insurance through PeachCare.

Mark Taylor was born in 1957, and was first elected to Georgia State Senate, representing Albany, in 1987. He served as Assistant floor leader and then Senate floor leader for former Governor Zell Miller from 1991 to 1998. He was re-elected five times.

In 1998, Taylor was elected Georgia's 10th Lt. Governor in a tough, uphill campaign. Since then, Taylor has built on his record, working to reduce the number of overcrowded classrooms in Georgia's schools, passing a DNA database that has helped police solve more than 400 previously unsolved crimes, removing the statute of limitations for prosecution in violent crimes, and passing Georgia's first child endangerment law.

Mark earned his bachelor's degree at Emory University in 1979, and he received his law degree in 1982 from the University of Georgia.

Today, he is Chief Executive Officer of the Fred Taylor Company and its various subsidiaries.

Mark is a member of the Porterfield United Methodist Church of Albany, GA, and he is married to the former Sacha Wilbanks of Lavonia, Georgia. He has one adult son, Fletcher.

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ABOUT THE FRED TAYLOR COMPANIES AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

The Fred Taylor Company, based in Albany, Georgia with subsidiary locations throughout the Southeast, was founded by Fred Taylor in 1959 with just \$95 in operating capital. The Fred Taylor Company has grown to become one of Georgia's largest privately held transportation and warehousing firms. It has five operating divisions and over twenty company owned facilities. Combined 2008 revenues were \$89 million.

Fred Taylor Company's largest division, Interstate National Lease, and its subsidiary Interstate Distribution Services, operate eighteen locations providing full service truck and trailer leasing and rental, dedicated contract carriage, as well as, a full range of maintenance contracts and repair services. Its customers include Georgia Pacific, Frito Lay, Pet Dairies, and many of the region's largest manufacturers and distributors.

Interstate Warehouse Services owns and manages over a million square feet of commercial warehouse space in Albany and Thomasville. A sampling of its customers includes Proctor and Gamble, MillerCoors Brewing Company, Ball Corporation, Owens Illinois Glass and Packaging Corporation of America, among others.

TransPower, Inc. operates three heavy and medium duty truck distributorships in Albany, Valdosta, and Douglas. It represents Mack, Kenworth and Ford trucks, as well as, East Trailers. TransPower is one of the nation's oldest truck dealerships having been in operation for over 50 years.

Fred Taylor Company through its association with JFT Properties, LP, owns and manages both commercial and residential real estate holdings in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. These holdings include industry specific facilities, as well as, retail shopping centers and commercial office space.