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Few surprises in primary elections.

The race for House District 121 was unusual in a couple of ways. It may be the only race in the history of Georgia where a stepson defeated his stepmother. And, it resulted in the defeat of an incumbent. Henry "Wayne" Howard garnered 64% of the vote to defeat Rep. Earnestine Howard and another candidate in the Democratic Primary. There is no general election opponent.

While there were few surprises in the primary, the stage is set for possible upsets in November. For instance, vote totals show that some Republican incumbents who were unopposed in the primary will need crossover votes to win in November. In Senate District 11, incumbent John Bulloch received 4230 votes in his uncontested primary race, while 6904 votes were cast for Marjean Boyd in the Democratic Primary. And in Senate District 25, incumbent Johnny Grant's 5658 votes were almost 2500 votes short of the total amassed by Bruce Gilbert in the Democratic Primary.

On the House side, Rep. Richard Royal's switch to the Republican Party all but guaranteed he would have opposition, and his vote total in the uncontested primary race was over 700 votes short of the 2218 votes garnered by 26-year old Corey Wimberly in the Democratic Primary. Two other incumbents who switched to the Republican Party, Johnny Floyd and Mickey Channell, also appear to have tough competition for the General Election.

Other points of interest from the primary elections—

- Mary Wilhite could become the first Republican African American female in the House of Representatives if she defeats Sean Jerguson in a runoff for District 22 in Cherokee County. A pro-business conservative, Wilhite would still have to face Democrat Kevin Bailey in November.
- The November matchup between former Senator Carol Jackson and incumbent Nancy Schaefer for Senate District 50 looks very close. Both were uncontested in the primary, with Jackson receiving 6550 votes in the Democratic Primary and Schaefer garnering 6894 in the Republican Primary.
- Senator Tim Golden received over 6000 votes in the Democratic Primary, while challenger Norm Bennett received 3000 in the Republican Primary.
- Nan Orrock, perhaps the most anti-business, pro-union member of the House for many years, is assured of a seat in the Senate after defeating former Representative Grace Davis.

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