



**Senator Ross Tolleson**  
*Senate District 20*

**State Senator Thorborn "Ross" Tolleson Jr.**, a Republican, was first elected to the State Senate for Georgia's 20th District in 2002. Sen. Tolleson represents the citizens of Bleckley, Laurens and Pulaski counties along with a portion of Houston County.

Senator Tolleson, serves as the Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee and Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee. Senator Tolleson also serves on the Appropriations and Transportation committees.

Senator Tolleson is a member of the U.S. Department of Energy Intergovernmental Committee on Nuclear Energy. He also serves on the Energy & Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators. He is a member of the Southeastern Energy Board and the Statewide Water Council.

Senator Tolleson was born in Perry, Ga. on April 26, 1956. He is the youngest of four children born to Mary Shannon Tolleson of Jeffersonville and Thorborn Ross Tolleson Sr. of Perry. Maternal grandparents are the late James D. Shannon Sr. and Lily Wall Shannon of Jeffersonville, Ga. Paternal grandparents are the late Joseph Meade Tolleson Sr. and Georgelle Smith Tolleson of Perry. Senator Tolleson's grandfather J. D. Shannon Sr. served in the Georgia Legislature. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1915 and served four terms. He was then elected to the Senate in 1937 and served two terms.

Senator Tolleson graduated from the Westfield School in Perry, Ga. in 1975 where he was a member of the golf, football, and basketball teams. He attended the University of Georgia in Athens where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. He returned to Perry where he was vice president of Tolleson Supply Company for 19 years. He is a financial advisor for UBS Paine Webber in Macon, Ga. Ross and Lowell Shepley, also a Perry resident, are the founding partners of the Shepley-Tolleson Financial Group. He also holds the following professional certifications: life, variable annuity, and variable life licenses, Series 7 Securities license, Series 63 State Securities license and Series 65 Investment Advisor's license.

Senator Tolleson is a founder and Board of Directors member for 12 years of Crossroads Bank of Perry, Ga. which was chartered in 1986. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of Security Bank of Houston County. He is a member of the Perry Chamber of Commerce and was a former Director of the Chamber Board. Ross also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Westfield School in 2000-2001. He is a former Exchange Club member and is a licensed pilot and scuba diver.

Senator Tolleson is a member of the Perry United Methodist Church where he attends the John Wesley Sunday School class. Senator Tolleson is married to Sally Funk Tolleson of Perry. They have three children: a son, Trip, and twin daughters, Ansley and Kelly.

