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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Georgia Senate Runoff]

TONY DOKOUPIL: Former President Obama hit the campaign trail in Georgia ahead of the nation's last undecided Senate race.

BARACK OBAMA: Can't nobody hear you boo, but they can hear your vote.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: America Decides Campaign '22; High-Stakes Georgia Senate Runoff]

GAYLE KING: But we're going to begin with a crucial moment in the last undecided Senate race. Of course, it's in Georgia. Senator Raphael Warnock is getting some prominent help in trying to fend off a challenge from Republican Herschel Walker. Former President Barack Obama hit the campaign trail in Atlanta to make a very forceful argument on Warnock's behalf. Nikole Killion is in Georgia for us where early turnout has been high ahead of Election Day on Tuesday. Nikole, President Obama had some zingers yesterday.

NIKOLE KILLION: Yeah, that's right, Gayle, and good morning to you. As you can see, dozens of people are already waiting in line on this last day of early voting. Georgia election officials say more than a million people have already cast their ballot, far outpacing runoffs back in 2016 and 2018. And last night, the former President urged supporters to keep it up and not get tired or complacent.

SENATOR RAPHAEL WARNOCK (D-GA): Georgia, help me to do it one more time!

KILLION: Hoping to maximize turnout ahead of this closely contested run-up, Senator Raphael Warnock turned to a reliable source.

OBAMA: You get a buy one get, one free deal on elections this year.

KILLION: Former President Barack Obama made his case for the incumbent to add to the Democrats' majority.

OBAMA: 51 is better than 50 because it means Raphael Warnock will keep representing you in Washington.

KILLION: And he took another jab at Warnock's opponent, Herschel Walker.

OBAMA: Mr. Walker has been talking about issues that are of great importance to the people of Georgia, like whether it's better to be a vampire or a werewolf. [CHEERS] [SCREEN WIPE] This is a debate that I must confess I once had myself — when I was seven. [LAUGHTER]

HERSCHEL WALKER [on FNC's *Hannity*, 12/01/22]: You can tell that they getting nervous because they've got Obama here again.

KILLION: The GOP nominee held a competing rally with South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham after casting his own ballot.

WALKER [in social media post]: I just voted. Can you see?

KILLION: The former football star also pushed supporters to get to the polls as he fights new allegations. A former girlfriend told *The Daily Beast* Walker is “unstable,” and records show he took a tax break in Texas intended for primary residences while running in Georgia.

WALKER: I'm Georgia born, Georgia bred, and when I die, I'll be Georgia dead.

LT. GOV. JEFF DUNCAN (R-GA): Herschel Walker will probably go down as one of the worst Republican candidates in — in our party's history.

KILLION: Outgoing Republican Lieutenant Governor Jeff Duncan said he couldn't bring himself to support Walker or Warnock, leaving his ballot empty this week.

DUNCAN: Unfortunately didn't have anybody that achieved that, you know, respect out of me or my vote.

KILLION: Back in the November general election, about 200,000 voters backed Governor Brian Kemp but didn't support Walker. And so, that is a critical block for both candidates as Warnock tries to pick them off and Walker tries to win them back. The GOP governor did throw his support behind Walker, campaigning with him recently, and cutting several ads. Vlad?

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: Nikole Killion for us. Nikole, thank you very much.

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WARNOCK: Georgia, help me to do it one more time!

WALKER: I'm Georgia born, Georgia bred, and when I die, I'll be Georgia dead.

KING: Georgia's Senate runoff is just a few days away as the two candidates make their final push.

KILLION: Georgia election officials say more than a million people have already cast their ballot.