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Van Taylor Files for Open Texas Senate Seat, District 8

Announces Endorsement of Over 70% of Local Republican Precinct Chairs,  
Unanimous Conservative Coalition

PLANO, TX – This morning at the Collin County Republican Headquarters Representative Van Taylor signed his paperwork to officially file for the open Texas Senate District 8 seat being vacated by Senator Ken Paxton, who is running for Attorney General. Collin County Executive Director and notary, Tim McCord, administered Taylor's oath. His application was then mailed to the Republican Party of Texas Headquarters for submission.

Since announcing his intention to seek the open senate seat, Taylor has garnered an impressive list of endorsements from trusted conservative organizations, respected community leaders, tea party patriots, and concerned citizens from across the 8th Senate District that encompasses the majority of Collin County and parts of Dallas County. To date, Taylor has received the endorsement of every conservative group who has announced endorsements in this race including Conservative Republicans of Texas, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Young Conservatives of Texas, Texas Home School Coalition, Conservative Hispanic Society, and Texas Right to Life.

In addition to the unanimous coalition of conservative organizations supporting Taylor, hundreds of community leaders and conservative activists have also signed up to publicly endorse him. A small sampling of the list of local leaders include the entire Senate District 8 House Delegation consisting of Representatives Jodie Laubenberg, Scott Turner, Scott Sanford, Jeff Leach, Stefani Carter, and Angie Chen Button, Former State Representative Jerry Madden, North Texas Tea Party Co-Founder Mike Openshaw, State Republican Executive Committeewoman Candy Noble, Former Collin County GOP Chair Kathy Ward, Former Dallas County GOP Chairman Bob Driegert, President of the Texas Eagle Forum Cathie Adams, Former President of the Golden Corridor Republican Women Tracy Hancock, Texas Federation of Republican Women 2012-13 Award Winner for most volunteer hours Sharron Albertson, every Republican Caucus Chair in the district, four of the five Vice Chairman of the Collin County Republican Party, and a large number of civic and municipal leaders representing every city in the district. While filing his paperwork today, Taylor also announced that over 70% of Republican Precinct chairs have endorsed his campaign and will help spread his conservative message in their respective precincts.\*

“Anne and I have been truly humbled by the outpouring of support from grassroots activists, community leaders, tea party patriots, and concerned citizens from across the district,” stated Taylor. “Commitment to our conservative principles has made Texas a model for the nation and a beacon of freedom and prosperity. In the Texas Senate I will continue to apply conservative values to create meaningful solutions to public policy challenges facing our district and state.”

In the Texas House, Taylor spearheaded several pieces of key legislation including bills that protect our children from online sexual predators, make it easier for our military to vote while serving overseas, would verify the citizenship of every voter in the state, close a loophole preventing healthcare fraud and abuse saving local taxpayers millions, and to revoke benefits from corrupt politicians. Additionally, Taylor’s Truth in Taxation rule, which forces politicians to state clearly in the first line of any bill if there is an attempt to raise taxes or fees, has been cited by Americans for Tax Reform as a successful blueprint for other states to implement and was recently submitted as federal legislation by Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Sam Johnson.

Widely recognized as a conservative leader in the Texas House, Taylor has earned the “Taxpayer Champion” award from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, the “Courageous Conservative” award from Texas Conservative Coalition, was named a “Top-Rated Conservative” by the Texas Eagle Forum, selected to the “Honor Roll” by the Young Conservatives of Texas, and received an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association. Throughout his tenure in the Texas House Taylor has consistently fought to rein in government spending, protect the Rainy Day Fund, and stop the expansion of Obamacare in Texas.

Van and his wife, Anne, married after his return from Iraq and are the proud parents of Laura, 8, Helen, 7, and Susie, 4. Van and his family reside in Plano near the land his great-grandfather farmed during the Great Depression.

\* The titles and names of organizations listed in this paragraph are for identification purposes only.

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