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Conservative, Philanthropist and Long-Time Republican Party Volunteer Bonnie Parker Files for State Representative, District 134

Harris County, TX -- Bonnie Parker of Houston has officially announced her candidacy for the Texas House, District 134. With her campaign team in attendance, Bonnie filed for office at the Harris County Republican Party Headquarters just before Thanksgiving.

As a respected Conservative leader and long-time participant in Republican Party politics, Parker says she is running because "...the people of House District 134 want a conservative leader and deserve a strong Republican voice in the Texas House. Before filing, I walked several precincts, I talked directly to voters about the defining issues in this race, and overwhelmingly the response has been positive."

With an emphasis on this past Legislative Session, Parker commented on what she is calling the 'defining issues' that she has identified in HD 134, "...the protection of Life is one of the most important issues that voters have wanted to talk with me about. Additionally, wise spending and planning for the future of Texas continue to drive the conversation."

House District 134 covers parts of Southwest Houston and includes the Cities of Bellaire, West University Place, and Southside Place. The District is often perceived as a 'swing district' but in the 'up ballot' races its precincts showed a strong majority for Republican candidates during the 2012 cycle. When asked about her challenging the incumbent, Bonnie remarked directly, "I want this race to be about the issues that matter to voters and about what I uniquely bring to the table. The incumbent and I both have a record, and that record speaks for itself. The voters have lots of history to base their vote on."

Bonnie is a retired teacher, widow and mother of two adult children. She has been a conservative activist in Harris County for thirty years and she is pro-life. Since leaving education, Bonnie has been involved in economic development in Eastern Uganda, Africa through the Ugandan nonprofit, Lodoi Development Fund. She is also responsible for establishing Kanginima Financial Services, a nonprofit mobile money and microfinance institution which provides agri-business education and capital to village farmers. Bonnie was extremely active, along with her husband, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church; here she served as a Children's Chapel Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Director, Acolyte Director and also was a member of the church vestry. After her husband's death she found it difficult to remain at St. Mark's and she now attends Bethel Bible Church. Bonnie has coached YMCA soccer, judged for Odyssey of the Mind, and served on the Georgetown Square Townhouse Board of Directors and the Bellaire Recycling Committee. She is currently a member of the Harris County Republican Party Training and Development Committee.

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