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Kleinschmidt to Run Again for HD 17

Lee County – State Representative Tim Kleinschmidt today announced he will seek re-election in House District 17.

“It is a privilege to represent this great rural district, and I pledge to continue to protect private property rights, fight for sound shale energy policies, rural transportation needs, education funding, and to keep our budget balanced and spending under control,” said Kleinschmidt. “The best way to protect our conservative small town values is to keep conservative leadership in the Texas House. I am seeking re-election to the House and look forward to campaigning hard throughout Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, Karnes and Lee Counties earning the continued trust of my neighbors and constituents. I will also continue to be there when the citizens of my district need me, as I was in helping Bastrop to obtain its needed wildfire rehabilitation funding. ”

Kleinschmidt was initially elected to serve District 17 in 2008. He has served three terms, winning his last contest in a new district with 62 percent of the vote. He is an active rancher in Lee County, a country lawyer, and the father of three children with his wife Anna. His country law practice, with a heavy emphasis on land and oil and gas related issues, provides a strong business background to help the people of District 17 keep their businesses and families successful in Texas.

Tim Kleinschmidt was mentioned as a possible candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner based on his work on the House Agriculture Committee, his conservative values and strong support for property rights. “Texas agriculture needs a strong leader to champion Lone Star State food and fiber, but my heart remains in District 17 and my energy will be focused on keeping the Texas House in conservative hands and focused on fiscally and socially sound conservative priorities.”

House District 17 includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, Karnes and Lee counties. Kleinschmidt is a native of Lee County who currently serves on the Agriculture & Livestock Committee and the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee in the Texas House. He was also the Chairman of the Texas House Republican Policy Committee this session, helping to structure and pass conservative bills to keep Texas strong. Kleinschmidt has continued to champion business needs,

Second Amendment firearm rights, the right to life, property rights, the funding of our State Water Plan to address water conservation and use issues, and many other issues successfully in the Texas House.

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