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TEXAS PARENT PAC ENDORSES 35 CANDIDATES IN PRIMARY ELECTION

Austin, Texas—Today the pro-public education Texas Parent PAC announces its endorsement of 35 candidates in the March 6 primary election. About 50 parents and grandparents were involved in candidate research and interviews. "Our endorsed candidates will stand up for children and be effective advocates for public education at the State Capitol," said PAC chair Carolyn Boyle of Austin.

Candidates with Representative or Senator in front of their names are incumbent legislators in highly contested races. Most were elected with support by Texas Parent PAC when they first ran for the Legislature.

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Statewide Officials

Lt. Gov.: Scott Milder, R-Rockwall

Texas Senate

SD 2: Representative Cindy Burkett, R-Sunnyvale

SD 5: Dr. Harold Ramm, R-Groesbeck

SD 17: Kristin Tassin, R-Missouri City

SD 25: Shannon McClendon, R-Dripping Springs

SD 31: Senator Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo

Texas House of Representatives

HD 4: Dual endorsement: Ashley McKee, R-Eustace; **Keith Bell**, R-Forney

HD 6: Ted Kamel, R-Tyler

HD 8: Linda Timmerman, R-Corsicana

HD 9: Representative Chris Paddie, R-Marshall

HD 18: Representative Ernest Bailes, R-Shepherd

HD 15: Jackie Waters, R-The Woodlands

HD 41: Representative Bobby Guerra, D-McAllen

HD 45: Ken Strange, R-Wimberley

HD 54: Representative Scott Cospers, R-Killeen

HD 55: Representative Hugh Shine, R-Temple

HD 59: Representative J.D. Sheffield, R-Gatesville

HD 60: Dr. Jim Largent, R-Granbury

HD 62: Reggie Smith, R-Van Alstyne

HD 64: Representative Lynn Stucky, R-Denton

HD 73: Dave Campbell, R-Fredericksburg

HD 75: Representative Mary González, D-Clint

HD 87: Representative Four Price, R-Amarillo

HD 88: Representative Ken King, R-Canadian

HD 99: Representative Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth

HD 100: Representative Eric Johnson, D-Dallas

HD 102: Representative Linda Koop, R-Richardson

HD 106: Clint Bedsole, R-Frisco

HD 113: Jim Phaup, R-Sunnyvale

HD 117: Representative Philip Cortez, D-San Antonio

HD 118: Representative Tomás Uresti, D-San Antonio

HD 121: Steve Allison, R-San Antonio

HD 126: Sam Harless, R-Houston

HD 150: James Wilson, R-Spring

Texas Parent PAC was created by parents in 2005 with the goal of electing more state leaders who will consistently stand up for public education. The bipartisan organization has helped elect 48 members of the Texas Legislature who are currently serving. The parent organization describes its endorsed candidates as “men and women of integrity, open and responsive to parents, actively involved in their communities, and committed to investing in public education to achieve economic prosperity in Texas.” For more information, see www.txparentpac.com

Of Note: Candidates are endorsed only in contested races. Additional endorsements will be announced for the primary runoff and general election. Texas Parent PAC is bipartisan.

Texas Parent PAC endorses only a select number of candidates because in some races: (1) there is more than one strong education advocate; (2) there is no candidate who we believe would be a consistent supporter of public education; (3) the preferred candidate does not have a viable campaign effort; (4) candidates did not seek Texas Parent PAC’s endorsement, as well as other reasons. Endorsement of a select number allows the PAC to concentrate its financial resources and volunteer time.

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