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State Representative Todd Smith Announces Texas Senate Bid
Releases endorsements from Senate District 9 leaders

(Bedford, Texas – March 7, 2012) Today, State Representative Todd Smith announced that he is running for Texas Senate District 9, which stretches from East Fort Worth to Grand Prairie, and includes most of northeast Tarrant County and parts of Irving and Arlington.

“Our families deserve an experienced leader who will put partisanship and special interests aside and do what’s right, and that’s why I have decided to run for the Texas Senate. Based on the overwhelming support our campaign has received over the past few days, it’s clear that voters needed another choice for this Senate seat,” Rep. Smith said.

“For 16 years in the Texas House, I’ve led for the best interest of families and that didn’t make me a very popular leader among the special interests. In fact, they’ve already started attacking and will spend as much as it takes to buy this seat, but we’re confident that the voters of our community will see through the political mudslinging and elect the leader who has the best interest of our families at heart,” Rep. Smith continued.

As a State Representative, Todd Smith worked tirelessly to increase public school and higher education funding without raising taxes, make Texas safer by voting to increase funds for border security, support small businesses and provide a vital boost to our economy by creating new jobs.

Arlington businessman Victor Vandergriff will serve as Treasurer for the Todd Smith for Texas Senate campaign.

“Todd has been a close friend of our family since 1983, when he served as a congressional intern for my father, Tom Vandergriff. I trust him like a brother, and I know that as our State Senator he will always do what’s right for taxpayers and families,” Victor Vandergriff said.

Rep. Smith has strong endorsements from many elected officials in and around Senate District 9 including Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England, Grapevine Mayor William Tate, Euless Mayor Mary Lib Saleh (and every council member), Hurst Mayor Richard Ward (and every Republican council member), North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino (and six of seven council members), Watauga Mayor Harry Jeffries, Richland Hills Mayor David Ragan, Keller Mayor Pat McGrail, Colleyville Mayor David Kelly, Trophy Club Mayor Connie White, Westlake Mayor Laura Wheat, both candidates for the open Bedford mayor’s seat (and every council member), former State Rep. Toby Goodman, the entire HEBISD school board and school board members across the district.

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