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State Representative Allen Fletcher Announces Campaign for Reelection

Harris County lawmaker to seek fourth term in Texas House

Tomball, Texas—Harris County lawmaker, State Representative Allen Fletcher, the Vice Chairman of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee, announced today that he will seek a fourth term in the Texas House of Representatives. Fletcher, a retired Houston Police Officer, was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 2008. Fletcher, who serves as the Chairman of the Texas Legislative Tea Party Caucus, will seek reelection to the District 130 post in the March 4, 2014 Republican Primary.

Representative Fletcher graduated with honors from both the Houston Police Academy and the East Texas Police Academy. He holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Houston Community College, and both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Police Science—Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Upon his retirement from the Houston Police Department as a criminal investigator and supervisor of the Office of Inspector General, Representative Fletcher founded and was president/CEO of Resource Protection Management which he built into one of the largest private security firms operating in Harris County. Fletcher and his wife, Penny, now own and operate Security on Site, Inc., which provides private security services to Harris County area commercial clients. Representative Fletcher is currently the only retired peace officer serving in the Texas Legislature.

He was first elected to represent District 130 (Harris County) in 2008 and was re-elected in 2010 and 2012. In addition to being a part of the Republican leadership team in the Texas House as Vice Chair of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee, Representative Fletcher is also one of only two members of the 25 member Harris County delegation to serve on the influential House Transportation Committee, an important role in the largest county in Texas and one of the fastest growing regions of the state.

Additionally, Fletcher has been appointed by Speaker of the House Joe Straus to the Select Committee on Human Trafficking, He also serves as a member of the American Legislative

Exchange Council's Criminal Justice Project, and he is an appointed member of the multistate Energy Council and serves as a member of the Conservative Coalition in the Texas Legislature.

He has been consistently ranked as one of the most conservative members in the Texas Legislature where he has made preserving traditional values, protecting 2nd Amendment freedoms, defending taxpayers, improving transportation, lowering crime, and securing our border as his top priorities.

As Chairman of the Legislative Tea Party Caucus, Representative Fletcher leads a large coalition of conservative lawmakers in both the Texas House and Senate who are working together to protect our constitutional freedoms and to promote the ideals of less government and more personal responsibility. During the legislative session, the lawmaker members of the Tea Party Caucus met with Tea Party leaders from across the state to discuss pending legislation and to listen to the concerns of Texas voters.

Fletcher said that he had been asked by many Harris County Republican leaders and voters to consider seeking the Senate District 7 seat being vacated by Senator Dan Patrick who is running for Lieutenant Governor. Fletcher's House District overlaps a large portion of Patrick's Senate District.

"While it is gratifying to have so many Harris County leaders ask me to consider running for the Senate, my home is in the Texas House of Representatives," said Fletcher. "I have the best job in the world and represent some of the finest people in Texas. I have much important work left to do in the Texas House and believe that I am well positioned to continue to represent the needs and concerns of my constituents and the people of Texas" Fletcher added

With announcements by members who are either retiring or seeking higher office, Representative Fletcher will be one of the top 40 Republicans in seniority in the Texas House at the start of the 84th Texas Legislature in 2015.

"I look forward to having the privilege of continuing to represent District 130 in the Texas House and being a strong, principled conservative voice for the families who live and work here," Fletcher concluded.

Allen and his wife, Penny, live in Tomball and have two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

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