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## **State Representative Charles “Doc” Anderson Announces Campaign for Reelection**

*McLennan County lawmaker to seek sixth term in Texas House*

**Waco, Texas**—Waco lawmaker, State Representative Charles “Doc” Anderson, the Vice Chairman of the Texas House Livestock and Agriculture Committee, announced today that he will seek a sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives. “Doc” Anderson, a veterinarian, was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 2004. Anderson, who is known as a conservative leader in the Texas House, will seek reelection to the District 56 post in the March 4, 2014 Republican Primary.

A graduate of the Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Anderson has practiced as a small animal veterinarian in Waco since 1981 where he and Sandie, his wife of 32 years, have called home. He also raises cattle at his ranch in McLennan County. Anderson is a veteran having served as a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force

"Doc" began his involvement in the political process as an advocate for small business. He served on committees for the Texas Association of Business and the National Federation of Independent Businesses and was appointed to the Texas Small Business Advisory Council by Governor Perry. In 1998 and 2000 he represented Texas as a delegate to the Congressional Small Business Summit in Washington, DC.

He was first elected to represent District 56 (Waco and 3/4ths of McLennan County) in 2004 and was re-elected in 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2012. In addition to being a part of the Republican leadership team in the Texas House as Vice Chair of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee—an important role for a legislative district that includes the headquarters of the Texas Farm Bureau, Representative Anderson also serves as a member of the Local & Consent Calendars and the Investments & Financial Services Committees.

Additionally, Anderson has been appointed to the statewide Agricultural Policy Council, the multistate Energy Council, and the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Agriculture, Energy, and the Environment, and the American Legislative Exchange Council's Committee on Energy, Environment, and Agriculture. He is the only Texas member on the Board of Directors of the multi-national State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Association.

Dr. Anderson is the elected Chairman of the Texas Legislative Rural Caucus where he helps advocate for Texas Agriculture and preserving our Texas heritage. He also serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Conservative Coalition, is a member of the Legislative Tea Party Caucus, the Energy Caucus, and the Aviation Caucus in the Texas Legislature. He has been consistently ranked as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Legislature where he has made preserving traditional values, protecting 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment freedoms, defending taxpayers, and securing our border as his top priorities.

“I have been honored to serve the good people of Waco and McLennan County in the Texas House of Representatives for almost nine years,” said Representative Anderson. “While I am proud of the good work we have done for our state and district, there is still much to be done and it is critical that the people of District 56 have a strong, conservative leader representing their interests in our state’s capital,” added Anderson.

Anderson is currently 53<sup>rd</sup> in overall seniority in the Texas House and with announcements by members who are either retiring or seeking higher office he will undoubtedly be one of the top 25 senior most Republicans in the House at the start of the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature.

I look forward to having the privilege of continuing to represent District 56 in the Texas House and to be a strong voice for the conservative principles that have made Texas the greatest state in the greatest nation on the face of the earth,” Anderson concluded.

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