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Jodey Arrington, Former Texas Tech Vice Chancellor and Lifelong West Texas Conservative, Formally Announces for Senate District 28

LUBBOCK, TX – Today, former Texas Tech Vice Chancellor, Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, and lifelong West Texas conservative Jodey Arrington formally announced his candidacy in the Special Election to replace State Senator Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock). He also announced that San Angelo businessman and community leader Steve Stephens would serve as campaign treasurer.

“After much prayer, and with strong support from my wife, friends, and hard-working families across the district, I’m humbled and excited to announce my candidacy for Texas Senate, and I’m encouraged by the early support we’ve received,” said Arrington. “I have the utmost respect for Senator Duncan and feel it’s important that the people of District 28 continue to be represented by someone who shares their West Texas roots, conservative values and willingness to tackle the tough issues and deliver results for every county in this district.”

Jodey’s commitment to public service and fighting for West Texas is deeply rooted in the South Plains where he grew up and graduated from Plainview High School. As a child, Jodey’s father, a tractor salesman, and his mother, a former public school teacher, taught their three boys the values of faith, family, and hard work. His older brother is a Pastor in League City, Texas where they homeschool their children. His younger brother is a community banker in Lubbock where he lives with his wife and four kids.

After graduating high school, Jodey attended Texas Tech University where his dad played basketball in the 1950s. He graduated with a B.A. in Political Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration.

Upon graduation, Jodey went to work for then Governor George W. Bush. When Bush won the Presidency in 2000, Jodey was promoted to Special Assistant to the President and was responsible for helping the President assemble his leadership team in the critical areas of agriculture, water and energy. He was in the White House on 9/11, an experience he would later say “strengthened his resolve” to serve his community.

He later returned to the South Plains as Chief of Staff to the Texas Tech University System before being appointed Vice Chancellor in 2011. As Vice Chancellor, Jodey played a key role in the record growth of the System and was instrumental in bringing jobs and millions of dollars in economic development to West Texas.

When he announced his resignation from the System in June, Eddie McBride, President of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said of Arrington, “We also recognize the important connections Jodey established between the campus and Lubbock, especially with our business community. The seeds that Jodey planted with his leadership, relationships and future business growth expectations will continue to grow Texas Tech and Lubbock.”

Jodey has said that as State Senator he is committed to fighting for “our families, our values, and our future.”

At the state level, his immediate priority is to secure the border, which he calls “an unprecedented security and humanitarian crisis with a significant cost to Texas taxpayers.” He will also work to defend the 2nd amendment and pro-life values, and protect private property owner and state’s rights.

At the local level, Jodey’s top priority is to secure the future water needs of the region. He will also fight to ensure continued economic growth and prosperity for West Texas by keeping taxes low, maintaining a fair and predictable regulatory environment, creating jobs, and improving public and higher education at ALL universities and community colleges in the district.

To help guide his decisions as State Senator, Jodey has said he will follow two guiding principles – 1) is this consistent with the conservative values I grew up with in West Texas and 2) is this what’s best for ALL citizens of District 28?

Jodey lives in Lubbock with his wife Anne and their two children. He teaches Sunday School and serves on numerous boards and commissions focused on Christian ministry, economic development and energy. He is President of Scott Labs, a local healthcare technology company.

Senate District 28 covers a 51 county area. Jodey plans to campaign hard across the entire district and build a strong, volunteer grassroots team.

He will embark on a district “Announcement Tour” in the coming weeks.

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