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South Carolina: Taxpayer Friendly Primary Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following taxpayer-friendly candidates who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for making it through the primary elections on June 8. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 216 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1260 state legislators.

In South Carolina, the following candidates have either won their primary, were running unopposed or will face a runoff election:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Michael Fair (S-6) | 16. Brian White (H-6) | 31. Doug Smith (H-32) | 46. Chip Huggins (H-85) |
| 2. David Thomas (S-8) | 17. Ronald Townsend (H-7) | 32. Lanny Littlejohn (H-33) | 47. Larry L. Koon (H-87, runoff) |
| 3. Daniel B. Verdin (S-9) | 18. Becky Martin (H-8) | 33. Phillip Sinclair (H-35) | 48. Kenneth A. Bingham (H-89) |
| 4. John Hawkins (S-12) | 19. Michael Thompson (H-9) | 34. Ralph Davenport (H-37) | 49. Thomas Rhoad (H-90) |
| 5. Harry Peeler (S-14) | 20. Daniel T. Cooper (H-10) | 35. Robert Walker (H-38) | 50. Shiley Hinson (H-92) |
| 6. John Courson (S-20) | 21. J. Adam Taylor (H-16) | 36. Marion Frye (H-39) | 51. Converse Chellis, III (H-94) |
| 7. Jake Knotts (S-23) | 22. Harry Cato (H-17) | 37. Gary Simrill (H-46) | 52. George H. Bailey (H-97) |
| 8. Greg Ryberg (S-24) | 23. Dwight Loftis (H-19) | 38. Herb Kirsh (H-47) | 53. Annette Young (H-98) |
| 9. Nikki G. Setzler (S-26) | 24. Glenn Hamilton (H-20) | 39. James McGee, III (H-63) | 54. James H. Merrill (H-99) |
| 10. Dick Elliott (S-28) | 25. Bob Leach (H-21) | 40. Jay Lucas (H-65) | 55. Tracy Edge (H-104) |
| 11. John Yancey McGill (S-32) | 26. Gloria Haskins (H-22) | 41. Thad Viers (H-68) | 56. W.D. Witherspoon (H-105) |
| 12. Larry Grooms (S-37) | 27. David Wilkins (H-24) | 42. James Harrison (H-75) | 57. Wallace Scarborough (H-115) |
| 13. John Kuhn (S-43, runoff) | 28. Rex Fountaine Rice (H-26) | 43. Bill Cotty (H-79) | 58. Johan Graham Altman, III (H-119) |
| 14. William C. Mescher (S-44) | 29. Garry R. Smith (H-27) | 44. Jimmy Bales (H-80) | 59. Bill Bowers (H-120) |
| 15. William Sandifer, III (H-2) | 30. Dan Tripp (H-28) | 45. J. Roland Smith (H-84) | |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Dale C. Phillips (S-10) | 3. Garry R. Smith (H-27) |
| 2. Bob Gibbons (S-36) | 4. Joan Brady (H-78, runoff) |

In addition, the following incumbents who are not running again have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Robert Waldrep (S-3) | 3. Becky Meacham-Richardson (H-48) |
| 2. Harry Stille (H-11) | 4. Jo Ann Gilham (H-12) |

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.

