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Fletcher officially announces Reelection Campaign for Texas House of Representatives

***Tomball Republican to run for second term for District 130 House Seat with
strong support from Texas Governor and Attorney General***

Tomball, Texas—Today, Texas State Representative Allen Fletcher announced that he would seek reelection to the District 130 House seat to which he was first elected in 2008. In what was his first campaign for public office, Fletcher, a Republican, defeated a three-term incumbent legislator in the March 2008 GOP Primary.

Fletcher, a Tomball business leader and community activist had an extraordinarily successful inaugural session in the legislature earning a record as one of the most consistent, conservative lawmakers in the Texas House. He is a member of the Texas Conservative Coalition and the bi-partisan organization recognized him as being one of the top 10 conservative legislators in the Texas House of Representatives during the 81st legislative session.

In his first ten months of legislative service, Fletcher has been recognized as one of the most conservative legislators in the state, earning a 92% conservative voting record by the Texas Eagle Forum. He earned an 86% conservative voting record score from the grassroots organization—the Texas Heritage Alliance, and he was named a recipient of the 2009 “Taxpayer’s Advocate Award” by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. Fletcher was also named a “Champion of Free Enterprise” by the Texas Association of Business for his pro-business, pro free enterprise voting record.

“During my campaign for the Texas House, I promised the people of Harris County that I would be a strong conservative voice in the legislature. I am proud that some of the most well respected organizations in our state have taken notice that I indeed kept that promise,” said Representative Fletcher. Fletcher said he was especially proud of his record of defending the interests of Texas taxpayers, keeping state spending down, and reducing the size and scope of state government.

In endorsing Representative Fletcher for reelection, Texas Governor Rick Perry said; “Allen has been an active advocate for taxpayers in Austin and he has brought an energy and focus to bear on the key issues of fiscal responsibly, protecting private property rights, and keeping the Texas economy first rate. I have counted on Allen time and again to bring his common-sense real world experience to the Texas House. I am proud to call Allen a friend and a true leader for taxpayers across our state. I strongly recommend him for re-election.”

Fletcher, who is a strong proponent of protecting the traditional family values that have made Texas strong, said that he was most proud of his recognition for being defender of the sanctity of human life. Fletcher was given the “White Knight” award by the Texans for Life Coalition for his steadfast commitment to pro-life and pro-family issues.

Fletcher is a retired Houston Police Officer who served for 21 years with the department eventually becoming a supervisor in the Office of the Inspector General where he was responsible for all criminal and administrative investigations of city employees and government contractors. He ended his service with the Houston Police Department in 1998. As the only retired peace officer in the Texas Legislature, Fletcher has made criminal justice issues and supporting Texas law enforcement one of his top priorities during his first legislative session.

Representative Fletcher was named by Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus as a member of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee which has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to criminal law, prohibitions, standards, & penalties, probation & parole, criminal procedure in Texas courts, and the revision and amendment of the penal code. Fletcher was also appointed by the Chairman of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee to be the Chair of a special house subcommittee on white collar crime.

Because of his work in the legislature on criminal justice issues and his support of law enforcement officials across Texas, Fletcher was named a "Hero of Texas Law Enforcement" by representatives of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, the state's largest law enforcement association representing rank and file peace officers across Texas. "I am humbled that my law enforcement colleagues appreciate my service in the Texas House of Representatives," said Fletcher. "These brave Texas men and women are the first line of defense in protecting our citizens and the values we share. I will continue to work night and day to ensure that they have all the tools necessary to do their jobs well," he added.

It is Representative Fletcher's work in strengthening our criminal justice system that has earned him the strong support of the state's chief law enforcement officer, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. In declaring his support for Fletcher's reelection to the Texas House of Representatives, Attorney General Abbott noted; "During the 81st Legislative Session, Representative Allen Fletcher was an important ally for law enforcement. As a retired peace officer, he works hard to serve Texas peace officers and keep Texas families safe."

In the legislature, Fletcher is a member of the Legislative Sportsman's Caucus where he has been a strong advocate for protecting and strengthening Texan's second amendment and private property rights. He is also a member of the Texas State Rifle Association.

Representative Fletcher graduated with honors from both the Houston Police Academy and the East Texas Police Academy. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University (SHSU) in Huntsville, Texas where he is a member of the SHSU Alumni Association Board of Directors and the President's Circle. He also sponsors an annual scholarship for criminal justice students at the university.

Following his retirement with the Houston Police Department, Representative Fletcher used his expertise in law enforcement and security matters and formed his own private security company. He is the president and CEO of Resource Protection Management (RPM), which offers asset protection to corporations and provides a full spectrum of security solutions to commercial, educational, and residential customers.

A lifelong Republican, Fletcher is an advisory board member of Texas GoPAC, as well as an associate member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. He is a member of the Tomball Pachyderm Club and has been a delegate to the Republican State Convention.

Fletcher has served as Chairman of the Board of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Tomball where he was recently named as a Paul Harris Fellow, one of Rotary International's highest honors. He is a member of the Tomball Emergency Preparedness Committee and he was formally an appointed member of the State Bar of Texas Review Committee. He is a life member of the Houston Police Officer's Association as well as a life member of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.

Representative Fletcher and his wife Penny have been married for 30 years. They have two daughters, Amanda and Rebecca, and a son, Blake Allen, a military police officer, who recently concluded a tour of duty with the United States Army in Iraq. They have three granddaughters. The Fletcher's attend the Spring Creek Church of Christ in Tomball, Texas.

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