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Conservative Missouri Legislator Announces Bid for State Senate

House Leader Jeanie Riddle to Focus on Jobs, Education, and Protecting Family Values

Fulton- Missouri legislative leader, Rep. Jeanie Riddle, announced today her candidacy for State Senate District 7.

"My top priorities over my two terms in the legislature have been strengthening our education system, reducing the size of the government so businesses flourish, and protecting the sacred values of faith and family," said Riddle. "My passion and commitment to serving my district in this manner was shaped by many things, including my 28 year career in the public education system. Also, as a mother and grandmother, I want to ensure the best possible future for my children and grandchildren. It has been an honor to serve the people of the 20th district as their elected representative, and I commit to bringing that same spirit of resolve as a State Senator."

With a foundation of conservative values and a strong pro-business record, as well as her key leadership experience in the House, Riddle is well-prepared from day one to serve those living in the newly created Senate District that includes the counties of Callaway, Audrain, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, and northern St. Charles.

"As long as the courts uphold our new redistricting plan, I will seek the Senate District Seven seat. However, should the courts change those boundaries, I will not run against an incumbent Republican Senator because I firmly stand behind our current Republican Senate delegation," added Riddle.

Riddle serves on both the House ethics and utilities committees. Her work on the utility committee provided her the opportunity to champion an energy policy that creates jobs, becoming one of the chief proponents of adding a second nuclear reactor to the Callaway Nuclear Energy Center.

Jeanie Riddle also leads the House as a firm proponent of Second Amendment rights. Her effort to successfully pass two pro-gun bills during her short tenure has earned her an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association (NRA).

"Like many in my district, I grew up hunting with my father and brothers, learning from an early age that the Second Amendment shall not be infringed upon. I take that responsibility to heart," added Riddle.

Riddle also the sponsored legislation to protect the life of unborn children by expanding the Castle Doctrine to include such provisions as allowing pregnant women to defend their unborn child from attack.

Rep. Riddle's work in the House has earned her the support and respect of many of her colleagues in the General Assembly.

"Jeanie Riddle is a stalwart conservative who shares the same vision as I; bring the Callaway Two nuclear plant to reality. I believe her campaign to win this Senate seat will help bring this critical job creator to fruition, and I look forward to having her as a Senate colleague," added Mike Kehoe, State Senator, Jefferson City.

"I served with Jeanie Riddle in the Missouri House, and together we expanded Second Amendment rights for gun owners, bringing Missouri ever closer to being the most Pro-Gun state in the nation. As state senator, gun owners will have another strong leader in the Missouri Senate," said Brian Munzlinger, NRA "A+" rated State Senator. "She will be a strong advocate for her district."

"As a practicing veterinarian, I have witnessed Jeanie Riddle's commitment to helping expand animal agriculture in Missouri. She is a friend to agriculture and will be a great asset to ensuring Missouri's farm families can continue to flourish," commented Dr. Dan Brown, Practicing Veterinarian and State Senator.

"During my tenure as Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, I worked closely with Jeanie Riddle. Her drive to help her fellow Missourians is what makes her successful for her district and our state. I look forward to having her win her election to the Missouri Senate where she will undoubtedly bring her leadership skills to issues such as job creation and economic development," said Ron Richard, former House Speaker and current State Senator, Joplin.

"I look forward to meeting constituents in each and every county within this district. I want to earn their respect and their vote by demonstrating my commitment to smaller government, better jobs, and strong education for each and every Missourian," concluded Riddle.

About Jeanie Riddle:

Jeanie Riddle, a Republican, represents the majority of Callaway County (District 20) in the Missouri House of Representatives and holds the position of Assistant Majority Floor Leader. Prior to her service in the legislature, Rep. Riddle taught and coached in the South Callaway School District for 28 years. She also previously worked as an accounting department supervisor for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Rep. Riddle attends Community Baptist Church. She is a member of the following organizations: Missouri Retired Teachers Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Callaway County, Rotary Club of Fulton, and the National Rifle Association. Rep. Riddle has also been recognized as a Friend of Agriculture by the Missouri Farm Bureau and recently received the Richard E. Malon Public Service Award by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance.

A graduate of McCluer High School in St. Louis, Rep. Riddle received a bachelor's degree in Education and her teaching certification from Drury University. She also obtained further teaching certification from the University of Missouri. Born in Joplin, Rep. Riddle currently resides in Mokane with her husband, Randy. They have two children, Randee Rae Phelps and Thomas Riddle.