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**DR. RAND KNIGHT ANNOUNCES HIS CAMPAIGN
FOR UNITED STATES SENATE
& LAUNCH OF THE KNIGHT FOR SENATE CAMPAIGN WEBSITE
*Strong and Fresh Vision with True Georgia Tradition***

Atlanta, GA – Dr. Rand Knight officially announced his campaign for United States Senate as a Democratic candidate from the great State of Georgia today.

The campaign has also launched the Knight for Senate Website. At the Knight for Senate Website you can read Why Rand Knight is running for the U.S. Senate, read Rand Knight's Biography, sign up to receive email campaign news updates and sign up to volunteer for the campaign. The website address is www.KnightForSenate.com

Why Rand Knight is running for the United States Senate

I am running for the United States Senate in Georgia because I want to help ensure that the brightest days for Georgia and the best days for Democracy in America lie ahead of us. I want to make certain that a quality of life equal or better to our own is available to future generations, and I want to make sure that my children and grandchildren have a quality of life that constantly reminds them of the great potential for *their* kids' future. When our great-grandchildren look back on the 21st century, I want them to see clearly how the strong and free United States of America was always able to pull up its bootstraps, and re-build its own destiny when change and uncertainty seemed insurmountable.

I am running for U.S. Senate because we need leaders with expertise and experience in the areas of the problems that we are currently facing. It is time that we think about *who* is leading us and *why* they are leading us. We need legislators who understand and have studied the specific solutions to the problems we are now facing, who know how to go to bat and bring home the resources for Georgia, and who will find the good opportunities in all of this uncertainty and change. The current Republican leadership does not, and will never

have, the courage to act on the tough, long-term solutions that we need to face so that our children and grandchildren can honestly have a decent quality of life.

I am running for U.S. Senate because I am sick and tired of our great country being misrepresented to the rest of the world, and misled into poor decisions that are costing irreplaceable lives, an indebted future, an unhealthy food supply, and failure in our healthcare and educational systems. Our current Republican Senatorial leadership has completely forgotten that our number one job is to take care of business at home. When we have poverty in every city, homelessness on the streets, failing urban infrastructures, air and water so polluted that you cannot go outside or swim in many places, and almost \$9 trillion in National debt, we must do better to solve our nation's problems.

I am running for U.S. Senate because we need people who are willing to tell the truth about the how we have allowed our democracy to be bought and paid for with corporate cash. The majority of U.S. corporations are excellent partners in making our country great, and they pay workers a living wage, create programs and solutions for a greener and happier world, but some corporations have been offenders that have misled us down a selfish path. We have subsidized polluting industries while the companies receiving the Federal support were simultaneously making hundreds of billions of dollars in profits. We have allowed lobbyists direct and unprecedented influence over the actual drafting of legislation and the legislators who vote on it, and we must even the playing field for campaign spending law

We have allowed our entire health insurance system, and the government's own Medicaid and Medicare systems to be driven to the breaking point while grossly enriching a few large companies and their investors at the expense of people's lives. In the United States we have the best medicines, the most cutting-edge technology, and the finest doctors and nurses and caregivers in the world, and we must extend these resources to our population of hard-working tax-paying citizens. I will propose legislation in the U.S. Senate that eliminates subsidies to industries that have world-record setting profits, enforces and strengthens ethics standards, and requires that drug costs and insurance profits are reasonable at times when many cannot afford the right kind of care or treatment.

I am running for U.S. Senate because I want a cleanup and a change in Washington, DC, and I am willing to unequivocally serve Georgia to make certain that we continue helping working families, creating new jobs and promoting small businesses. Creating economic opportunity for Georgia's workers requires a long, hard look at how and where we want economic development to grow in Georgia, and what role that we want the Federal government to play in subsidizing alternative energy efforts and legislating incentives that bring business to Georgia. As a U.S. Senator I will support a raise in the minimum wage and increased safety standards in the work place.

I am running for U.S. Senate because we need someone who will stand up to bad decisions and work to rebuild our military for the primary protection of our own U.S. shores. Our

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troops are the best in the world and they deserve the best equipment in the world, but we are leaving our troops and our shores dangerously exposed due to the degraded and dilapidated state of our military hardware and warfare systems. The Iraqi Army is getting the brand new Hummers, weapons and bullet-proof gear, while we debate on whether or not we should bring 50 or 100 former Iraqi Republican Guard to live, unfettered and free to come and go on our own military base at Ft. Benning. As a U.S. Senator representing Georgia, I will work to ensure that we have priority funding status when it comes to military upgrades, base development, and protection from natural disasters and terrorism.

I am running for U.S. Senate because our problems require open communication, understanding, and collaboration among different types of people with different types of expertise. I believe that the current Republican Senator has completely failed Georgia in this regard, and has purposefully lain low in order to avoid risks, maintain the support of this failed Administration, and hope to get elected in the face of impotent performance, lack of influence and ineffective persuasion. The cost of this laziness and procrastination has been failure – in everything from the way we handle our war veterans when they return home wounded, to our inability to monitor our own imported food supply. We need leaders who are able to convey the spirit and vision that is needed to solve our problems.

I am running for U.S. Senate because our current Senatorial leadership has failed to do what is necessary to solve the problems facing our people at home here in our own backyard. The current Republican leadership has not been sensitive to the social values of all those people who have a stake in the decisions and actions for Georgia. I believe we need to build solutions to economic and social and environmental problems that address the issue of how difficult it is to ask people to set aside resources for the future when they are already struggling to live on three dollars a day for food and barely have enough resources for today.

I am running for U.S. Senator because I want to work tirelessly and with unrelenting passion for Georgia to find fiscally-responsible and environmentally-innovative opportunities within the problems, challenges and changes facing our great Country. We have to integrate science and social needs, and we have to understand that there are going to be surprises and unintended consequences, because we do not have an absolute certain knowledge about what is facing us. Our most pressing problems have become extremely complex and technical and we must have more leaders who understand science. We must now demand that our leaders are equipped with the types of knowledge, skills, and abilities that fit the job at hand. The current Republican leadership that we have in office does not have the kinds of experience and tools that it takes to describe the problems, create solutions, and persuasively build the consensus that is required to join the economic, environmental and social opportunity in the challenges that we are facing in the 21st century. The majority of problems facing us nowadays all have very long time horizons; they cover large areas that cross many boundaries; they require the integration of many disciplines; and they involve a significant amount of uncertainty that scientists are trained to interpret and synthesize.

I am running for U.S. Senate because we need people who are educated about both environmental issues and economic policies, biological sciences and business management, and who understand how to synthesize massive amounts of information into reasonable solutions and communicate those effectively. We need our best solution-providers and our best salespeople, and our best negotiators stepping up to the plate with committed loyalty to Georgia; folks who can persuade, motivate and influence other legislators to do the right thing for the country and look out for Georgia at the same time. Georgia needs concrete vision from a Senator who can lead with passion, action and have clear intellectual discussions of the policy and inspire change based on the needs of the people combined with sound science and economics.

The current Republican leadership talks about action, but does not take it. I am running for U.S. Senate because I am concerned that in the last six years our national debt has increased more than 60% from 5 1/2 trillion to over 8 1/2 trillion dollars. By being unwilling to talk about this problem and how are going to solve the national debt while simultaneously taking care of all of our health-care, Social Security, national defense, environmental and economic ills, the resistance from our current representation has made it impossible to talk about real solutions and how to gauge our success.

I am running for U.S. Senate because I believe it is time that we concentrate on finding the areas of agreement rather than arguing about all the areas we do not agree. Finding agreement first is much better than creating an atmosphere of division and hostility, such as has been created by our Georgia's current Republican Senatorial leadership. We can start to agree on several things and begin the conversation by listening to more perspectives. As a U.S. Senator I will constantly demand that our diverse values and different perspectives be included in our consensus-building process. We live in the Greatest State in the Union, and the finest Country in the world, and I intend on dedicating my life to keep it that way.

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