

PATTEN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR DISTRICT 9 STATE SENATE SEAT

Local Businessman, Community Leader and Former State Senator Seeks to Serve

Cleveland – Conservative businessman Lou Patten today announced his candidacy for the District 9 state senate seat being vacated by Senator Dewayne Bunch of Cleveland.

“In these uncertain times, it is critical that we elect capable and seasoned leaders with a strong record of fighting for our conservative principles. The Congress in Washington is “out of control” and is assaulting our way of life. They are forcing more spending and mandates on our states, which, unlike the federal government, have to have balanced budgets.” said Patten. “Now more than ever we need leaders in Nashville who have experience in dealing with state budgets and will look to run government like a business and create jobs by keeping taxes low, regulation sensible, and improving education.”

As a businessman who is active in the community, Patten understands the challenges small business owners face. His experience in the Tennessee State Senate serving on the Finance Ways and Means; Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture; and Tourism committees where he worked on economic development and job creation will allow him to hit the ground running on the important task of creating jobs and driving economic opportunities in Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, and Polk Counties.

“I know the community well and I have a record of producing results for Tennesseans. I am excited to use my experience to work for the people of the 9th District to focus on bringing needed jobs to our area and improve the educational system so that our young people can be prepared to compete for jobs in the 21st century economy.”

As a State Senator Lou Patten has a strong record of producing results for his constituents, which included transportation projects such as the planning and funding of two new bridges over the Tennessee River, the “4 Lanes for 411” road widening project, the planning and funding of the 1996 Olympic Whitewater events on the Ocoee River, and support of numerous regional economic development projects.

In addition to his business and legislative experience, Patten is a conservative and family man who will vote the values of the 9th District – limited government, low taxes, 2nd Amendment rights, and pro-life.

ABOUT LOU PATTEN

Patten, a Cleveland and Bradley County native, is an Associate Partner with Cornerstone Insurance Group in Cleveland. Patten served eight years in the Tennessee State Senate from 1986 to 1994, representing Bradley, Polk, Monroe, and Loudon Counties.

While in the Senate, Patten served in leadership as the Republican Caucus Chairman. He also served on the following Senate standing committees: Finance Ways and Means; Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture; General Welfare, Health, and Human Resources; Environment, Conservation, and Tourism; and Judiciary. In addition to these, Patten served on the Select Committee for Children and Youth, the Business Tax Committee, and the TennCare Oversight Committee.

Patten is very involved in his community. He is a past president of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club, past chairman of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the United Way of Bradley County and the United Way Fund Drive. He received the Service to Mankind Award from Sertoma, the William F. Johnson Award from the United Way, and just this year, the Robert W. Varnell Leadership Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Patten and his wife, Debbie have five adult children and one grandchild. They are active members of St. Luke’s Church in Cleveland where Patten is currently Stewardship Chairman.

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