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Voters Say No to Burton, Yes to Murphy
*State Representative Mike Murphy files his candidacy for
Indiana's 5th Congressional Seat*

(Indianapolis,IN) -- State Representative Mike Murphy (R, 90) today filed his candidacy papers for Indiana's 5th Congressional seat, currently held by Dan Burton.

"Dan Burton has served, but he has not led," said Murphy. "In nearly 30 years in Congress, Burton has done virtually nothing to make the 5th district or the State of Indiana a better place to live and raise a family."

Burton was first elected to public office in 1967, elected to Congress in 1982, and has been an elected official virtually his entire adult life.

"I am running for Congress because Indiana needs a representative with a record of accomplishment who will wake up each morning asking 'how can I help business create more jobs in the 5th district', " said Murphy.

Murphy partnered with State Senator Brandt Hershman in 2006 to unleash the entrepreneurial energy of the telecom industry in Indiana. In just three years, the Murphy-Hershman bill has resulted in 2,500 new jobs, 4,000 to 6,000 jobs saved, and more than \$1.5-billion in private investment.

"We must put Hoosiers back to work," said Murphy. "I have led, and I will lead where Burton has failed."

Voters apparently agree with Murphy. A poll conducted January 25-27 (margin of error +or- 5.6%) by Bellwether Research, Inc. of Alexandria, VA (pollster for Governor Mitch Daniels) indicates only 28% of likely voters in the 5th district Republican primary think Burton should be re-elected. That is a 7-point drop from a similar poll conducted by the same firm in February, 2009.

Meanwhile likely Republican primary voters say Murphy is equal to or ahead of other potential challengers when asked “Which candidate, if any, do you think stands the best chance against Dan Burton? ” Murphy was given the nod by 16% of poll respondents.

Dr. John McGoff scored 16%, Luke Messer scored 15%, and Brose McVey scored 11%. 43% of respondents were undecided or did not know enough about the race to offer an opinion.

“This is a wide-open race,” said Murphy. “My record of creating jobs has resonated with Republican voters who have heard my message. I look forward to campaigning around the clock over the next three months.”

Murphy is a businessman who has been named a Small Business Champion by the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce. He is a voting member of the Indiana Farm Bureau, A+ rated by the NRA, and has a record of leadership on Right to Life issues. He was nominated in 2007 for the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. Murphy was educated at the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University. He has two sons, Brendan, 25, and Kevin, 20.

Murphy’s campaign website is: www.mikemurphycongress.com

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