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**Peru Mayor Jim Walker Endorses Murphy for Congress**  
*Choice made after deliberative process*

Indianapolis, Indiana—

Peru Mayor Jim Walker today announced his endorsement of State Representative Mike Murphy for Congress in Indiana's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The two-term mayor and former businessman cited Murphy's record of leadership and results as factors that led to his endorsement.

"Mike Murphy has demonstrated to me that his record of getting things done makes him the best possible representative for the people of Miami County in Washington," said Walker. "I've met the candidates, and Mike Murphy understands best how to create jobs for my neighbors. He's a proven job creator, and that is what Miami County needs most."

Mayor Walker made his choice after a deliberative process of questioning in depth each of the challengers to Congressman Burton. He respects each candidate but is most impressed by the Murphy Plan for creating jobs.

"Mike Murphy is a businessman. He is a problem solver. He is a small business champion," Walker said. "He is most qualified to advocate for economic development for Miami County. He has advocated for us in the past, and I am confident he will be responsive to our needs in the future."

Peru is a city of 13,000 people (2000 Census) and the capital of Miami County (population 36,000) in north-central Indiana.

“I am honored and deeply grateful for Mayor Walker’s endorsement,” said Murphy. “The Mayor has led Peru with vision and integrity. I look forward to his counsel as we serve the people of this great state.”

Mike Murphy is a State Representative from southeast Marion County whose work in the legislature is marked by landmark legislation that resulted in private investment of more than \$1.5-billion and thousands of jobs. He is also known for his conservative approach to government and for his dedication to lowering the tax burden on all Hoosiers.

To find out more about Mike Murphy’s candidacy and to read the Murphy Plan, visit [www.mikemurphycongress.com](http://www.mikemurphycongress.com) or call him at 317-414-0964.

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