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Banks Announces Candidacy for Indiana's Third Congressional District

Fort Wayne, IN – Today at noon, State Senator Jim Banks announced his candidacy for Indiana's third congressional district.

Banks launched his campaign in front of a large crowd of family, friends and supporters at the Allen County GOP headquarters in downtown Fort Wayne. Banks vowed to run a substantive campaign built on issues and ideas.

"We will talk about cleaning up the bureaucratic mess that is our VA. We will talk about supporting our troops and strengthening our military that has been weakened by the current administration. We will talk about creating jobs right here in the Third Congressional District by once and for all ending the medical device tax and by protecting and growing the 122nd Fighter Wing," said Banks.

Banks returned three weeks ago from a tour of duty in Afghanistan where he served for eight months in his capacity as a U.S. Naval Reserve Officer. He referenced his combat boots as a reminder of the sacrifices made by veterans and service members today who are protecting our freedoms abroad, and vowed to take them with him when elected to Congress.

Banks went on to describe what led to his decision to run for Congress. "As I think about what makes America great and those in our nation's capital who have worked to diminish America's greatness at home and abroad, I realize there is more I must do to serve our country – the greatest country in the world."

Banks was introduced by his wife, Amanda Banks, and Indiana Senate President Pro Tempore, David Long.

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Amanda Banks commented about her recent service in the Indiana State Senate during her husband's deployment, "I had very big shoes to fill when I became the senator from the 17th Senate District. Jim's record standing for conservative and traditional values is nearly unrivaled at the Statehouse. He consistently has stood on principle and taken the less traveled road to both author legislation and vote for legislation consistent with pro-life, pro-family, free market and smaller government values."

Senate Pro Tempore David Long offered his strong endorsement: "Jim Banks embodies precisely the type of person we want representing us in Congress. He is a strong conservative with the voting record to prove it; he is unabashedly pro-life; he understands the Constitution and the appropriate limits that must be placed upon the federal government; he knows how to balance a budget; and he is a genuine family man. We need a lot more people like Jim in Congress if we are ever going to turn that place around, which is why I strongly support Jim Banks to be our next Congressman from northeast Indiana."

For more information, visit www.jimbanks.us.

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About Jim Banks

Indiana State Sen. Jim Banks has represented Northeast Indiana since his election to the General Assembly in 2010. Senator Banks is Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs and the Military Committee and also serves on the Education & Workforce Development, Labor, and Homeland Security & Transportation Committees.

Banks is a commercial real estate broker for The Bradley Company in Fort Wayne. He is a graduate of Indiana University and recently earned his Master of Business Administration from Grace College and Seminary. He also serves in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a supply corps officer and took a leave of absence from the Indiana State Senate in 2014 and 2015 to deploy to Afghanistan during Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel. He received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his military leadership in Afghanistan.

Beyond his professional life, Banks is involved in many civic organizations. He is the past president and a current member of the Columbia City Rotary Club. He has also served on the Whitley County Council, Whitley County Republican Party and Northeast Indiana Workforce Development Board before he was elected to the Indiana State Senate.

Through the years, Banks has been honored with various recognitions for his service. In 2013 he received Ivy Tech Community College's Distinguished Public Official Award. In 2011, he was recognized as one of the top rising Republican legislators by Governing Magazine and was named to Northeast Indiana's "Future 40 Leaders under 40" list in 2008. He was awarded the Distinguished Public Service Award in 2013 and 2014 by the American Legion for his work on behalf of Hoosier veterans in the Statehouse. In 2014 he was invited to speak at the American Conservative Union's CPAC conference in Washington D.C. as a top conservative under 40 years old.

He lives in Columbia City with his wife, Amanda, and their three children, Lillian, Elizabeth and Joann.

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