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Reske reinforces support for police and first responder safety funding

PENDLETON, IN — Candidate for U.S. Congress in Indiana's 5th District Scott Reske today reinforced his support for federal funding of programs to support and protect our law enforcement officers and first responders.

"As your Congressman, you can be assured that I will be a strong supporter of bills to fund the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act, the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act and the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program," said Reske. "In these days of 'running against Washington' some forget that there are bipartisan programs that work, and these programs represent the least that we can do to support those who protect us and join us in making Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family."

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act has provided over \$300 million to assist State and local law enforcement agencies with the procurement of nearly one million ballistic-resistant body armor vests. Studies by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) state that since 1987, body armor has saved the lives of more than 3,000 law enforcement officers nationwide.

"In the case of the Fortville officer wounded in the line of duty this past weekend, his protective vest most likely saved his life," said Reske.

The two other pieces of legislation include the Public Safety Officers Benefits Act, which provides a Federal death benefit to the surviving families of first responders who are killed in the line of duty, and the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, a partnership among federal, state and local governments that has streamlined justice funding and grant administration.

"I will be an advocate for funding this program that allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions," said Reske.

"Making these announcements is not about politics---it's about doing the right thing to support those who put themselves in harm's way each and every day. As a reserve deputy with the Madison County Sheriff's Department and a former U.S. Marine Corps Colonel, I have witnessed first-hand the resolve of those who form the line between what is right and wrong in our society and in our world."

Scott Reske is an Iraq War veteran and retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel, who served as a helicopter pilot while on active duty. He has served his community as an Indiana State Representative, a volunteer firefighter and as a reserve deputy sheriff with the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Reske is an experienced business owner, who lives in Pendleton with his wife, Jenny, and three children.

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