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Reske announces support for Balanced Budget Amendment

Reske and Jacobs talk responsible budgeting, protecting Social Security and Medicare

PENDLETON, IN— Scott Reske, candidate for United States Congress in Indiana's 5th Congressional District, was joined today by former Congressman Andy Jacobs in criticizing the Federal budget process as irresponsible.

Reske said he would fight the culture of overspending and wastefulness in Washington, echoing a stance long held by Congressman Jacobs.

"If we don't have money for something, we shouldn't buy it," said Jacobs. "Our Federal budget is out of line with our revenue. This didn't happen overnight or even as a result of the recession. This downward slide has occurred due to a culture of overspending in Washington, a culture that must be addressed responsibly with the long-term health of our nation in mind."

"If elected, I will view any deficit spending as a mortgage against our national security and our children's future," said Reske. "I will introduce legislation requiring Congress to pass balanced budgets and create greater accountability and transparency in how tax money is spent."

"Restraint and responsibility will prevent messes like we see now where many politicians, including my opponent, are supporting cuts to Medicare and Social Security," said Reske. "These are important programs and it is my priority to protect them."

"The situation we have today is exactly what I warned of each year when I introduced the Payment Book Amendment requiring balanced budgets and the retirement of the national debt," said Jacobs. "It's past time for Congress to clean up its act and create responsible, long-term planning to preserve important programs while cutting waste. As a member of Congress who voted to create Medicare, I can tell you it would not be right for our country to return to the poverty many seniors experienced before the creation of this program. Voters should be outraged that some politicians see no harm in getting rid of it."

"I know Scott and believe he will bring a new attitude to Washington," said Jacobs. "Voters can count on him to make tough decisions with his focus on the well being of our country. As a fellow Marine, I know we can count on him to fight for what is right not just for today, but also for future generations. This should be a priority for both sides of the aisle and I know Scott will be able to work with people all across the political spectrum to make our country better."

"Congressman Jacobs served our country and our state with honor as a combat infantry Marine in the Korean War and as a popular Congressman, and I am humbled by his support," said Reske. "I will work to continue his legacy of service and responsibility."

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 state representative, a volunteer firefighter and as a reserve deputy sheriff. Reske is a former principal of one of Indiana's major engineering firms, which employs over 100 people. He lives in Pendleton with his wife, Jenny, and has three children.

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