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Reske: Brooks campaigns with Mourdock, remains silent on women's issues

INDIANAPOLIS, IN— Scott Reske, candidate for United States Congress in Indiana's 5th District, today responded to his opponent, Susan Brooks, attending a dinner with Richard Mourdock even after his offensive remarks regarding rape.

Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC), who continued to support Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) after his comments about rape, also attended the dinner last night with Brooks and Mourdock.

"Susan Brooks said she disagreed with Mourdock's comments, yet still campaigned with him at a private dinner yesterday evening," said Reske. "Actions speak louder than words. Ms. Brooks continues to say one thing while doing another.

"Ms. Brooks actions throughout her campaign have been to host a parade of out-of-state politicians who don't believe in exceptions for rape. She has been unwilling to separate herself from these ultra-conservative Washington insiders who hold the same views as Mourdock."

Reske said Brooks continues to align herself with Mourdock and has taken political contributions from organizations that still back Mourdock.

"Ms. Brooks has continued to align herself with politicians who support cutting access to cancer screenings, affordable birth control, maternity care and breast cancer coverage. Right to Life has also endorsed Ms. Brooks, an organization that opposes exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the woman. The organization said it still stands with Mourdock even after his egregious comments. These positions are out of line with the views of 5th District voters.

"If Ms. Brooks disagrees with Mourdock, she should return the political contributions she has taken from Right to Life. I also again call on her to release the survey she completed for her Right to Life endorsement because I believe voters will be shocked by what they reveal about my opponent and her intention to pursue divisive social issues if elected."

Reske said Brooks has had many opportunities to voice support for women's issues, but she has failed to show leadership.

"For example, Ms. Brooks was a delegate at her party's national convention and, when challenged, was silent on the party's platform that left out exceptions for rape," said Reske.

"While Ms. Brooks has remained silent, I have been very outspoken about my support of issues important to women and their families here in the 5th District."

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. For more information on Scott Reske and updates on campaign activities, visit www.reskeforcongress.com.

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