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HUTCHISON ENDORSES CASTEEL RE-ELECTION

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison formally endorsed State Representative Carter Casteel (R-New Braunfels) for re-election to the Texas House today. “Carter Casteel is a conservative leader in the Texas House,” Hutchison said. “I salute Carter’s outspoken determination and heartily support her re-election this year.”

Hutchison, herself a former state representative, applauded Casteel’s public service. “Representing the Hill Country with conviction and vigor, Carter’s record demonstrates a commitment to the values that make Texas great,” Hutchison added.

“Senator Hutchison and I have worked together for the Hill Country and Texas. Her leadership in both the Republican Party and the U.S. Senate is invaluable to our state,” Casteel said. “I am honored to have her endorsement and support.”

Casteel has been previously endorsed by House Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland), Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund.

Casteel is seeking a third term as the state representative for Bandera, Comal, Gillespie and Kendall Counties. An attorney and former public school teacher, Casteel was first elected to the Texas House in November 2002. A New Braunfels resident since 1973, she previously served eight years as Comal County Judge (1990-98) and six years on the Comal Independent School District Board of Trustees (1984-90).

The statewide primary election is March 7, 2006.

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