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CONGRESSMEN ENDORSE CASTEEL RE-ELECTION

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS —Republican Congressmen Henry Bonilla, Mike Conaway and Lamar Smith endorsed State Representative Carter Casteel (R-New Braunfels) for re-election to the Texas House today. “Carter Casteel’s conservative leadership has made her an influential voice in Austin,” Smith said. “The Texas Hill Country can be proud of its remarkable state representative.”

“Carter Casteel is a proven conservative leader. She fights for Hill Country and Republican values in Austin,” Bonilla continued. “I am proud to endorse Carter for re-election to the Texas House.”

“Carter Casteel is a dedicated public servant. She represents the Hill Country with distinction in the Texas House,” Conaway added. “Count me among the many elected officials and Republican leaders supporting her re-election this spring.”

“The support of my area congressmen is gratifying,” Casteel said. “The Texas Hill Country is fortunate to have three strong voices in the nation’s capitol. We work together on many important federal and state issues, such as eminent domain and immigration reform.”

Casteel has been previously endorsed by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), 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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