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STATE SENATORS ENDORSE CASTEEL RE-ELECTION

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS —Republican State Senators Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay), Todd Staples (R-Palestine) and Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) endorsed State Representative Carter Casteel (R-New Braunfels) for re-election to the Texas House today. Fraser and Wentworth represent the Hill Country in the Texas Senate. Staples will be the Republican candidate for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture in the November general election.

“Carter Casteel works hard for the Hill Country,” Fraser said. “She is a strong conservative voice in the Texas House. I enthusiastically support her re-election.”

“Carter Casteel is an effective, independent, conservative voice in the Texas House,” Wentworth continued. “As a former teacher and county judge, she brings a wealth of practical life experience to the table when working toward solutions to challenges facing her constituents. A hard working, no-nonsense legislator, Carter Casteel deserves to be re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives.”

Staples commended Casteel on her diligent efforts representing the citizens of Texas House District 73. “Representative Casteel is a tireless advocate and has demonstrated great leadership. I am proud to join other conservative leaders in endorsing her for re-election,” he added.

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, Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-Texas), Congressman Mike Conaway (R-Texas), Congressman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) 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.