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## HOUSE SPEAKER TO HEADLINE CASTEEL RALLY

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick will headline a “Get Out the Vote” Rally for State Representative Carter Casteel’s re-election campaign, Thursday, February 16, 2006 in New Braunfels. The voter rally will be held at the Seekatz Opera House (265 West San Antonio Street) beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 per person and include dinner. To purchase tickets, contact the Carter Casteel Campaign (830-627-8820 or [bonnie@cartercasteel.com](mailto:bonnie@cartercasteel.com)).

“I whole-heartedly support Carter Casteel’s decision to continue her service as a state representative,” Craddick said. “The people of House District 73 have a hard working leader in her when it comes to representing their interests here in Austin.” In January 2003, Tom Craddick, who has served 37 years in the Texas House of Representatives, became the first Republican to be elected speaker in more than 130 years. He was re-elected last year.

Casteel has been endorsed by prominent Republican leaders, including 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), State Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay), State Senator Todd Staples (R-Palestine) and State Senator Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio).

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.