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## JONES ENDORSES CASTEEL RE-ELECTION

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones endorsed State Representative Carter Casteel (R-New Braunfels) for re-election to the Texas House today. “Having served with Carter in the State House, I can vouch for her dedication to the constituents in District 73, as well as her commitment to making Texas an even better place to live, work, and raise a family,” Jones said. “She continues to work hard on tough issues and I’m pleased to support her re-election to a third term.”

A sixth generation Texan from San Antonio, Jones was elected three times to the Texas House of Representatives before her appointment in February 2005 by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Railroad Commission. She is the third woman to serve as chairman in the commission’s 114-year history.

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.

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