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Paxton Endorsed By Former Department of Justice Official, Former U.S. Attorney Richard Roper *Paxton Builds on Support As Early Voting Begins Monday*

(McKinney, Texas) – With early voting beginning on Monday, Senator Ken Paxton today announced the endorsement of the Honorable Richard Roper, former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. In his endorsement, Roper stated, "I'm pleased to endorse Ken Paxton, a man I know will represent our state well as Attorney General. Ken is a genuine conservative who we can count on to fight for Texas and stay true to conservative principles."

Mr. Roper joins former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and other former Department of Justice officials in endorsing the McKinney frontrunner. Additionally, Paxton has earned strong support from the law enforcement community. Since the March primary, Paxton has been endorsed by the Houston Police Officers' Union Political Action Committee (HPOU), Texas' largest law enforcement organization, as well as the Harris County Deputies' Organization and the Texas Fraternal Order of Police.

From 2004-2008, Mr. Roper served as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, leading an office of 93 attorneys covering 100 counties, including the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, in criminal and civil affirmative and defensive matters. During his career, he has personally prosecuted more than 150 jury trials involving a broad range of matters from major white-collar crime (including securities, tax, bank, and healthcare fraud), to narcotics and money laundering matters, to capital murder. Additionally, Roper served as Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Texas from 1987-2004 and as Assistant District Attorney in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office from 1982-1987.

Now in private practice, Richard Roper focuses his litigation practice on white-collar criminal defense, government investigations, SEC enforcement, and commercial litigation. His practice also involves directing internal corporate investigations and representation in *qui tam* litigation, antitrust matters, environmental criminal matters, and complex immigration matters.

Last week alone, Senator Paxton earned official endorsements from the **National Rifle Association**, the **Texas State Rifle Association**, and **Gun Owners of America**. Nationally, Paxton has earned the endorsement of **Sen. Rick Santorum**, **Gov. Mike Huckabee**, **Penny Nance**, President of Concerned Women for America* (CWA), and the **Family Research Council Action PAC**.

Previously, Senator Paxton has been endorsed by **Kelly Shackelford**, President and CEO of Liberty Institute*; **Tim Lambert**, President, Texas Home School Coalition*; **Cathie Adams**, President, Texas Eagle Forum*; **Ann Hettinger**, Former State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas*; **Jonathan Saenz**, President, Texas Values*; **Carol Everett**, Founder and CEO of The Heidi Group*; **Michelle Smith**, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas*; **Dr. Steve Hotze**, President of Conservative Republicans of Texas; **David Barton**, President of WallBuilders*; **Dr. Robin Armstrong**, current Republican National Committeeman for Texas; **Bill Crocker**, former Republican National Committeeman for Texas; **Ernest Angelo, Jr.**, former RNC Committeeman; **Peggy Venable**; **Rick Green**; **Texas Right to Life PAC**; **Texans for Fiscal Responsibility**; **Young Conservatives of Texas**; **Texas Eagle Forum PAC**; **Texas Home School Coalition**; **Conservative Republicans of Texas**; **United Republicans of Harris County**; **The Link Letter**; **C Club**; **Houston Business Realty Coalition**; **Texas Conservative View PAC**; **Tarrant Republican Club**; **Tarrant County 9/12 Action PAC**; **DFW Conservative Voters PAC**; **Katy LiberTEA**; **Grassroots America – We The People PAC**; **Kingwood TEA Party**; **Montgomery Tea Party**; **Texas Republican Assembly**; **Texas Patriots PAC**; and **Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee**.

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