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## Gov. Mike Huckabee and Huck PAC Endorse Ken Paxton for Attorney General

*Texas and National Conservatives Continue to Unite Behind Ken Paxton*

(McKinney, Texas) – The Ken Paxton for Attorney General Campaign today announced the endorsement of former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and Huck PAC. Huckabee formed Huck PAC in 2008 to help elect conservative candidates and to promote conservative principles.

Gov. Huckabee stated, "In the runoff for Texas Attorney General, it's clear that Ken Paxton is the conservative choice for Texas. He has an unblemished record of standing for the unborn, defending religious liberty, and fighting against Obamacare. Ken Paxton never waivers on conservative principles. He has the intellect, wisdom, and experience needed to be a great Attorney General. I'm pleased to endorse Ken Paxton."

Senator Paxton said, "Gov. Huckabee's endorsement is another indication of incredible momentum we are building as we approach the May 27<sup>th</sup> runoff. I am thankful that Mike has once again stepped forward to endorse our campaign and help us ensure a strong victory in this vitally important race."

Today's announcement follows a series of key endorsements earned by Paxton since his stunning first-place finish in the March 4<sup>th</sup> Republican Primary.

- Paxton was endorsed by **76 current and former members of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC)**. That list includes 30 current SREC members, nine of whom had endorsed former Attorney General candidate Barry Smitherman. Additionally, Senator Paxton has earned endorsements from 9 of the 10 SREC members who represent Dallas County, the home county of his opponent.

- The campaign announced the endorsement of **Dr. Robin Armstrong** of Houston, current Republican National Committeeman for Texas, and **Bill Crocker** of Austin, former Republican National Committeeman for Texas. Paxton has now been endorsed by five Texans who have served as Republican National Committee members from Texas. The McKinney Republican has previously been endorsed by **Ernest Angelo, Jr.** of Midland, **Tim Lambert** of Lubbock, and **Cathie Adams** of Dallas.

- Senator Paxton has won the backing of Former Texas Republican Party Chairman and Houston businessman **George W. Strake, Jr.**; **Dr. Steve Hotze**, President of Conservative Republicans of Texas; Former Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector **Paul Bettencourt**; **Senator Donna Campbell**; **State Rep. Rob Orr**; and the Houston Police Officers' Union Political Action Committee.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Senator Paxton shocked political observers with his first-place showing. During early voting, the Dan Branch campaign released a poll showing Representative Branch with an almost 2-1 lead over Senator Paxton. Despite being outspent more than 2-1, Senator Paxton led the field with 44%, coming within just 6 points of winning outright. Additionally, Paxton won Dan Branch's home county of Dallas and his other "home" county of Bexar, where Rep. Branch grew up and still has family. Senator Paxton won 19 of the top 20 counties in Texas, and won 51 of the top 75 counties representing approximately 85% of the GOP vote.

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