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Tony Buntyn Announces Candidacy for Congress

TAMPA, Florida – December 30, 2009 Tony Buntyn today announced that he is seeking the Republican nomination for the 11th Congressional District that includes portions of Hillsborough, Manatee, and Pinellas counties.

“I decided to enter this race because I am concerned about out-of-control government growth and spending and the increasing disconnect between our elected officials in Washington and their constituents,” said Tony Buntyn.

Tony added, “It is time to restore accountability, defeat reckless spending, and bridge the gap between politicians and the American public.”

Tony is a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and has served over 30 years in Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Tony has been called to active duty three times and served in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He recently served as the Vice Commander of the USAF Cyberspace Command. Tony was awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star medals. In addition to his military career, Tony enjoys a civilian career as an Information Technology Security Engineer and Cyperspace Strategist. Tony obtained his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science/Data Processing from the University of Southern Mississippi and his Master’s Degree in Management, Computing, and Systems from Houston Baptist University.

Tony is married to the former Carol Conerly of Columbia, Mississippi. Tony and Carol have been married for 23 years and are raising their two children in South Tampa, where they have resided since 1996. Tony is an Eagle Scout, a member of the American Legion Post 138, VFW Post 4321, and the National Rifle Association.

As our next Congressman, Tony will support a strong national defense and protect benefits for our troops and veterans. He will fight to reduce government spending and will support small business and a strong domestic energy program that will create jobs for Americans in research and production.