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Tim Scott Announces Candidacy for Congress Republican Trailblazer will Focus Campaign on Conservative Principles of Limited Government & Lower Taxes

CHARLESTON – Today, State Rep. Tim Scott (R-Charleston-Berkeley) announced he is running as a Republican for U.S. Congress to represent South Carolina's First Congressional District. The seat is currently held by Rep. Henry Brown who announced earlier this year that he will retire after completing the current term.

"I'm a conservative Republican and I want to go to Washington to win our country back," Scott said. "I believe America is at a crossroads, and we must quickly reverse the course the Obama Administration and the Democrats in Congress have charted of more government spending, more government involvement in the lives of its citizens, and ever higher taxes to pay for it. I strongly oppose that course for our nation, and am determined to fight to reverse that course."

"President Barack Obama, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senator Harry Reid are leading our country to the brink of bankruptcy," Scott said. "It's very simple. You cannot consistently spend what you do not have without dire consequences."

"Every day that goes by, Obama, Pelosi and Reid are gradually taking our freedoms away from us, and eroding our liberty. Left unchecked, they will destroy the free enterprise system that made our nation the 'last best hope for mankind', as President Reagan said. Today, our nation is faced with a struggling economy, massive debt and a growing unemployment rate.

One out of every ten Americans—and one out of every eight South Carolinians—cannot find a job. Solving the economic crisis doesn't require more government spending, more government programs, and ever higher taxes.

It requires just the opposite. And Ronald Reagan proved it! In the coming weeks, I will be sharing my specific plans to combat our out-of-control government and to put our country back on track to prosperity," Scott said.

Scott is a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives where he serves on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee. As a state legislator, he represents parts of Charleston and Berkeley Counties and is the first African-American Republican elected since Reconstruction. Before being elected to the S.C. House, Scott served on Charleston County Council for 13 years. During his tenure and time as Chairman, he put taxpayers first by never raising taxes, and increasing job opportunities. To find out more about Tim Scott, visit his website at www.VoteTimScott.com.

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