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**Local business leader Keith Humphrey files for the 28th Senate District, citing failed agenda of Gov. Brownback & Sen. Mike Petersen**

WICHITA, Kan.– Aviation business leader Keith Humphrey of Derby announced he has filed to run for the Kansas Senate in the 28th District, which includes parts of Derby, Oaklawn and South Wichita in Sedgwick County.

Humphrey, a decorated Navy veteran, is the president and CEO of Jet AirWerks, a commercial aviation repair and maintenance company, and Jet AirParts, a supplier of commercial jet engine components.

“Career politicians like Sam Brownback and Mike Petersen have increased taxes on working families by thousands of dollars a year and wrecked the state economy,” Humphrey said. “The Kansas economy is lagging behind the surrounding region and the nation as a whole, and it’s making it increasingly difficult to operate a business, let alone raise family in Kansas.”

At the top of Humphrey’s concerns about the failed Brownback-Petersen agenda are looming school closures caused by Sam Brownback and Mike Petersen’s willful failure to reach a compromise resolution on K-12 funding.

“Working parents in the district are concerned about the future of public education in Kansas,” Humphrey said. “What is going to happen when Sam Brownback’s and Mike Petersen’s inaction causes schools to close in August? Parents are concerned they’ll miss work or even lose their jobs due to a lack of childcare options. Our governor and current senator are career politicians disconnected from these realities, unfortunately.”

Humphrey said resolving the K-12 funding crisis and smart fiscal policies were his top priorities.

“The people of the 28th District deserve someone who values public education,” Humphrey said. “They deserve a strong fiscal footing for the state. They’re demanding leaders who will address the real kitchen table economic issues affecting thousands of working families here at home and across the state.”

Humphrey started his businesses in South­ Central Kansas almost a decade ago because of the region’s technical talent and highly trained workforce.

“Brownback’s continued attacks on public education have hindered economic growth, particularly in the technology and manufacturing sectors,” Humphrey said. “Sustained economic uncertainty is driving away new skilled workers, entrepreneurs and their businesses for more certain and stable state and local economies.”

Humphrey’s public service career began when he joined the Navy in 1975. Humphrey and his wife, Thérèse (Humphrey), together have six children: Drew DeSoto, Leah Weston, Allison Union, Alexis Rivera, Ryan Rivera and Tyeler Rivera.

Humphrey is a member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Kansas Board of Trustees, the Wichita Independent Business Association, Wichita Aero Club, American Legion Post 408 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 7253.

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