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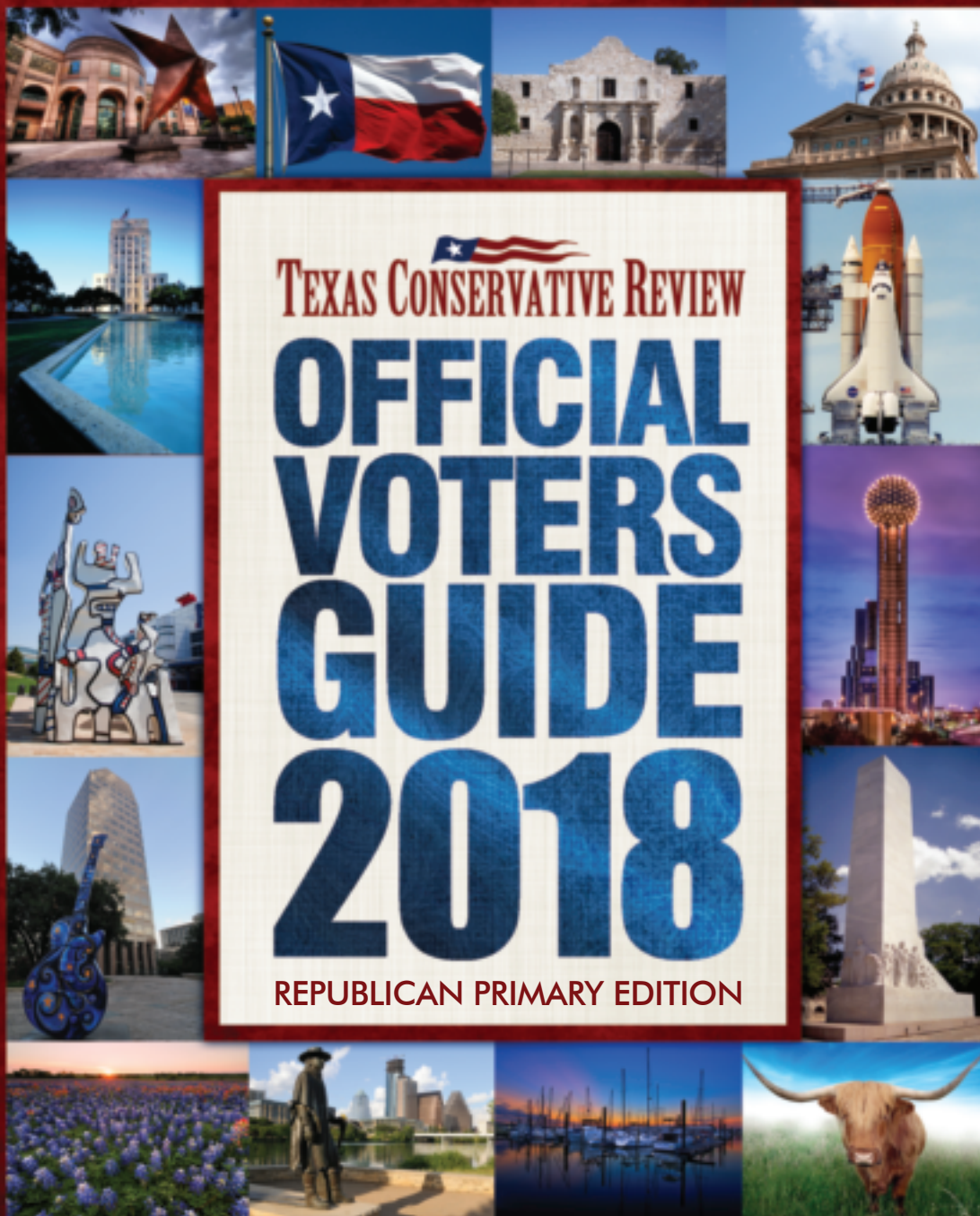
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WHY TEXAS REPUBLICANS MUST RE-ELECT GEORGE P. BUSH

EARLY VOTING IS FEBRUARY 20TH - MARCH 2ND, ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 6TH

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STANDING BESIDE OUR PRESIDENT

Supporting President Trump and his pro-taxpayer, pro-jobs, America First agenda.

INCREASING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Reduced the size of his office by 15% to save taxpayers millions – the only state agency that produced more money than it spends.

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Increased oil and gas leases by more than 200%.

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Preserving the Alamo to ensure it stands for at least another 300 years.

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Before and after Hurricane Harvey, leading efforts to put money away for disaster relief and overseeing one of the largest federal block grants in our nation's history to rebuild our coastal communities.

MAKING EDUCATION A PRIORITY

Contributed over \$4 billion to our public schools.

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FEBRUARY 20TH – MARCH 2ND

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH

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TCR SPECIAL ENDORSEMENTS

By *Gary Polland, TCR Editor-in-Chief*

At TCR, it is our policy to tell you why we endorse specific candidates. We have carefully examined all of the candidates listed on the ballot. Using position stances, voting records (for incumbents) and electoral viability, TCR has provided a list of the best, most qualified conservative choice for the races chosen. Please take a moment to review our endorsement explanations and please use our complete list of endorsements (found on page 7 of the publication) to vote for the most qualified, conservative candidate.

UNITED STATES SENATE:

TED CRUZ

Senator **Ted Cruz** has been a conservative vote in the U.S. Senate, but more important than his vote is his leadership on conservative issues. This firebrand has led the way on issues even when they are not popular and has continued to bring innovative solutions to our most pressing problems. For as long as **Cruz** remains conservative and effective, TCR will continue our enthusiastic support for Senator **Ted Cruz** against all challengers.

U.S. CONGRESS, CD-10:

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

Michael T. McCaul has had an extraordinary career protecting the citizens of Texas, specializing in counter terrorism and national security at both the state and national levels. During his tenure **McCaul** has been an effective leader and applied his extensive experience in the criminal justice system to help keep our nation safe from terrorist attacks. He has been steadfast in his conservative principles working to ban earmarks and voting against bailouts, stimulus packages and Obamacare, making him one of the most conservative members of the US House.

US REPRESENTATIVE,

DISTRICT 14:

RANDY WEBER

Prior to his election to replace Paul in 2012, **Randy Weber** started out on Pearland's City Council before moving up to the Texas House where he served four years. Like many entrepreneurs-turned-politicians, **Weber** entered public office with a business owner's perspective and a mission to attack job-killing public policies like wasteful spending, high taxes and misguided regulation. **Weber** has been effective on all the right issues and is ready to deliver on another term.

U.S. CONGRESS, CD-22:

PETE OLSON

Pete Olson is a highly decorated naval aviator, who has made his mark in

Congress since his election in 2008. Olson has stood on conservative values in Congress including protecting the unborn and the 2nd Amendment and worked for border security, job growth and our national security.

FIRST COURT OF APPEALS,

PLACE 7:

TERRY YATES

Terry Yates has not only the experience needed for the Court of Appeals - 27 years as an attorney, prosecutor and judge - but has also demonstrated conservative credentials in cases such as **David Daleiden's**, in which he helped secure an acquittal after **Daleiden** blew the whistle on Planned Parenthood.

Yates is the experienced, conservative and battle-tested candidate we need on the First Court of Appeals.

COURT OF CRIMINAL

APPEALS, PLACE 8:

MICHELLE SLAUGHTER

Since being elected as the first Republican judge of the 405th District Court, Judge **Michelle Slaughter** transformed the court from the least efficient and least effective into the most efficient and most effective district court in Galveston County. During her time on the bench, Judge **Slaughter** has earned a reputation as a tough but fair judge who says, "a Defendant who is a violent or repeat offender does not deserve multiple chances before serving prison time." She is the kind of no-nonsense judge we need on the CCA.

PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT

OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

DAVID BRIDGES

David Bridges is a former prosecutor who had an effective career keeping murderers, rapists and robbers off Texas streets. He then went to work for the State Bar of Texas where he worked to disbar unethical attorneys. For the past twenty years **Bridges** has served as a Justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals and will make an excellent Presiding Judge at the CCA.

GOVERNOR:

GREG ABBOTT

Governor **Greg Abbott** has a distinguished career that includes service as Texas Attorney General, Justice on the Texas Supreme Court and a district judge. His numerous accomplishments prior to election as governor include establishing a Cyber Crimes unit and a Fugitive Unit to track down sexual predators. Since taking office as the 48th Governor of Texas he has implemented a conservative agenda that includes the largest tax cut in Texas history following the 2015 session of the Legislature. Governor **Greg Abbott** is a strong Texas Governor who deserves re-election.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

DAN PATRICK

Lieutenant Governor **Dan Patrick** has a proven record of success as a conservative leader—first as a business owner and radio talk show host, who used his microphone to promote conservative candidates and causes, as well as shining the conservative light on liberal follies across the state. He was then elected state senator representing District 7 where he put his talk into action as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Senate. As Lt. Governor, **Patrick** continues to advance the conservative agenda, passing tax cuts, funding increased border security and education reform.

TEXAS STATE SENATE

DISTRICT 17:

JOAN HUFFMAN

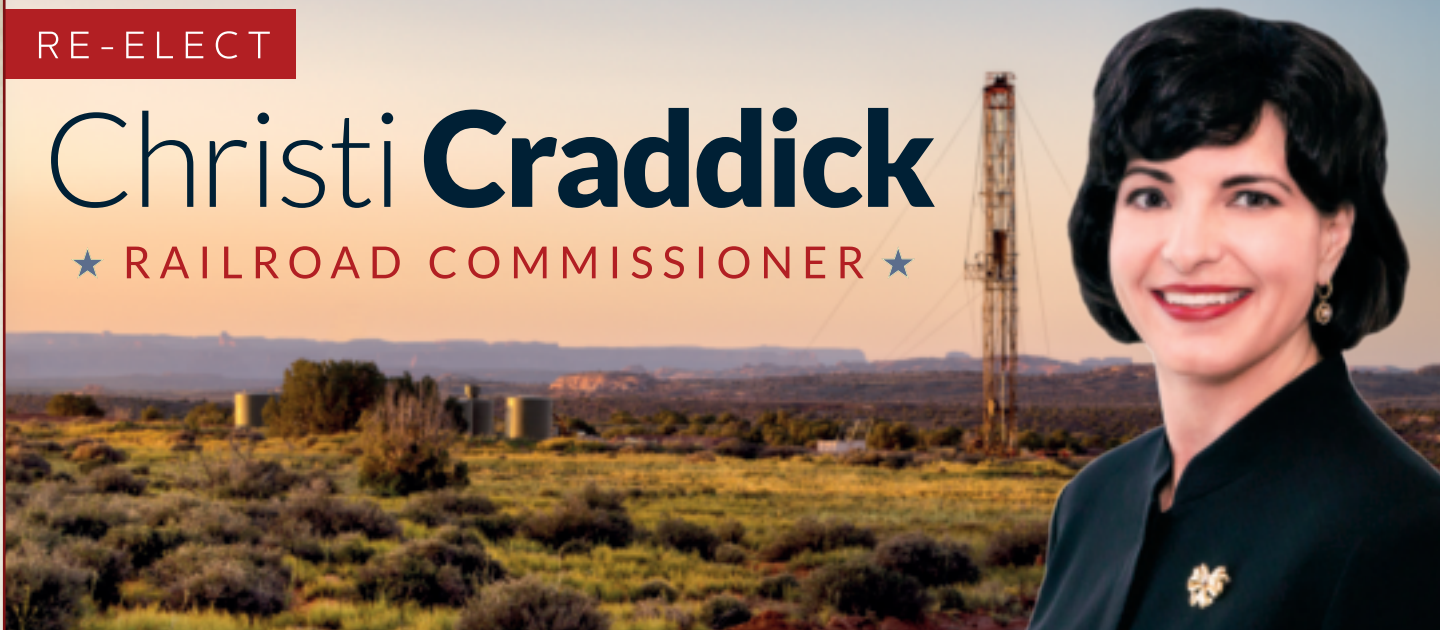
Joan Huffman is a consistent and conservative voice in the Texas State Senate. A laundry list of awards that include "Taxpayer Champion," "Law and Order Award," and "Faith and Family Champion" by the most conservative organizations in the state leave **Huffman's** conservative credentials unassailable. Add to that a lifetime of experience in criminal justice as both a prosecutor and a district judge and **Joan Huffman's** value in the Senate is apparent.

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RE-ELECT

Christi Craddick

★ RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ★



As a steward of our state's most valuable resources, and a life-long conservative Republican, Christi Craddick is uniquely qualified to usher in a new era of growth and job creation in the Texas energy industry.



Christi Craddick Will Continue To:

- ✓ Lead With Conservative Principles Based In Traditional Values
- ✓ Stop Federal Intrusion Into Texas Governance And Regulation
- ✓ Promote U.S. Energy Independence
- ✓ Protect Texans Private Property Rights

“It has been my honor to serve as your Railroad Commissioner.

During my first term at the Railroad Commission, I oversaw a modernization of the agency and provided common sense regulatory oversight of a robust energy industry. I want to keep Texas the top energy state in the nation. I am respectfully asking the voters of Texas to re-elect me to a second term.”

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TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER: CHRISTI CRADDICK

Christi Craddick has been a force for conservative progress who has helped increase efficiency and enact common sense policies at the Railroad Commission. She, along with fellow conservatives on the commission, have stood strong against misguided EPA regulations that harm the Texas oil and gas industry and with it the Texas economy. TCR stands with **Christi Craddick**, a proven leader who has worked effectively for conservative principles, efficiency and transparency at the Texas Railroad Commission.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE: SID MILLER

Sid Miller has exactly the kind of experience and qualifications for a great Commissioner of Agriculture—he is an eighth generation Texas farmer and rancher who holds a Bachelor's degree in Vocational Agriculture Education from Tarleton State University. Prior to his election as Commissioner of

Agriculture, **Miller** served in the Texas House where he earned a reputation as a staunch defender of Texas agriculture, constitutional freedoms and individual liberties for all Texans. **Miller's** opponent is an attorney and lobbyist. No contest.

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE: GEORGE P. BUSH

Native Texan **George P. Bush** is the future of the Republican Party in Texas. He has not only the credentials that make him qualified, but also an appeal to the youth and Hispanic demographic that make for an unbeatable standard bearer. It doesn't hurt that his grandfather and uncle are both former presidents of the United States. His own history of public service following graduation from Rice University includes deployment as a naval officer in Afghanistan and then work as a public school teacher. **Bush**, who also holds a law degree, is the founder of two companies and active with charitable causes including Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Dallas/Fort Worth Celebration of Reading. **Bush** was elected to his first term as Land Commissioner in 2014 and has

already made an impact on the office by advancing private property rights and helping to protect military veterans. For the future of Texas, TCR recommends a second term for **George P. Bush**.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 23: MAYES MIDDLETON

When considering the experience of **Mayes Middleton**, it seems a safe bet that the taxpayers and constituents of State House District 23 will be getting quite a value by electing him as their next representative. As President of Middleton Oil Company, **Middleton** brings vast executive, business and energy sector experience. Then there's the agricultural knowledge developed in his ranching, cattle and farming operations. This real-world experience buttresses his formal education, which includes two bachelor's degrees—one in business—and a law degree. He also has finance and banking experience as a member of the Board of Directors of First Liberty National Bank. **Middleton** has the experience and background to be a huge asset to the Texas Legislature. ★

ABOUT TEXAS CONSERVATIVE REVIEW EDITOR

Gary Polland



The pugnacious and always outspoken Gary Polland is one of the leading conservative voices in Texas. Whether it's through the popular TCR internet newsletter and website, regular radio appearances, his TCR voters guides, or as co-host of *Red, White and Blue* - the popular political roundtable show on Houston Public Media (PBS Channel 8) - Polland is a force for tough, thoughtful conservatives.

Polland has been a practicing attorney for more than 42 years. His practice is a mix of trial work in family, civil and juvenile courts. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial law and has a reputation as a tough and skilled advocate for his clients.

Polland served as Harris County Republican Chairman from 1996 to 2002 and was overwhelmingly returned to office every time he ran. As Party Chairman, he earned national recognition for his leadership. His aggressive party-building efforts, including leading the fight against a bad arena deal and against the court ordered striking down of the Texas

Human Events described Gary Polland as the most successful County Chairman in America.

sodomy law, were featured in publications like *Human Events*, *The American Spectator*, the *Houston Chronicle* and *Inside Houston Magazine*.

Over the years, Polland's political alliances have stretched from the White House to the halls of Congress and to the Texas Legislature and Governor's Mansion. He is a confidant to state, national and

local officials. His support and advice have proven invaluable to conservatives seeking office. His TCR guides for voters offer insight and information on local, state and national issues and elections, they have become a key feature of the campaign season in Texas.

Polland received the "Elected Official of the Year" award from the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, the "Tuff Tusk" award from the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs and was also named "Reaganite of the Year" by the Reagan Alumni Association. Polland was also honored to receive the "Torch Bearer" award from TORCH, a faith based religious organization. Polland authored "A Time for Choosing: 25 Years Later," a commentary on President Reagan's classic speech.

Whether it's on the web, in books, on television and radio or at the forefront of the latest political battle, Gary Polland is a conservative leader that voters have come to trust for insight and accurate information. ★

WHY TEXAS REPUBLICANS MUST RE-ELECT GEORGE P. BUSH

By *Marc Cowart, TCR Managing Editor*



When it comes to political dynasties two names reign supreme—Kennedy and Bush. Fortunately, Texas is blessed with the latter, rather than the former. Texas' most recent addition to the Bush dynasty is George P. Bush, known commonly and affectionately as "George P.," the son of former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, the nephew of President George W. Bush and the grandson of the family's patriarch, President George H.W. Bush.

Background

George P. Bush is a native Texan born in Houston to parents Jeb and Columba Bush. George P. has an extensive career in public service — working as a public-school teacher after graduating from Rice University, serving as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and now as the 28th Land Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

He has also worked as an attorney and founded two companies.

1st Term Accomplishments

During his first term at the GLO, Bush has put his conservative principles into practice, most notably by cutting the size of the office and creating a leaner, more efficient organization, which provides the taxpayers with more bang for their buck. Critics of Bush, including his ballot rival Jerry Patterson, have complained about Bush's cuts, but Bush is proud of the more fiscally responsible GLO. Bush also took on Barack Obama and the federal government's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) when it attempted to seize a 116 mile stretch of Texas land along the Red River. Bush prevailed, protecting both the rights of property owners and the mineral rights, which help fund the

Permanent School Fund and public schools.

The Future of the GOP

George P. Bush deserves re-election based entirely on his qualifications, his effectiveness and his accomplishments in four short years. But there is another and equally compelling reason Republicans should see Bush's re-election as a political imperative—Bush can reinvigorate a Republican Party, whose future in Texas is in

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doubt. The GOP in Texas has long wrestled with the dilemma of dealing with the exploding populations of young people and Hispanics who feel increasingly disconnected from a largely aging GOP leadership. No matter how much "outreach" the GOP does to young people and Hispanics, it won't penetrate these groups until it starts to look like them from the grassroots to the leadership. But the leadership part of it, the standard-bearers, is critical. George P. Bush can be the catalyst that ignites and perpetuates change from the top down. The good news is that he has already been tested.

George P. Bush's attractiveness as a public figure was proved at the 2014 general election ballot

boxes—in his inaugural campaign he outpolled every candidate on the statewide ballot, many of whom have spent decades establishing their followings. This speaks simultaneously to the positive persona of Bush and the declining popularity of an outdated brand that still bears the reputation as a place for rich, white men. It is a brand in desperate need of a reboot and George P. Bush is just the sort of leader who can re-energize it, giving it a much needed makeover. Why is Bush so popular? For starters he is attractive, youthful and charismatic. Certainly not the qualities on which a brand or movement can be entirely built, but a good start. But Bush brings much more to the table. As a former school teacher, he can appeal to the education community, which is a huge and powerful block. Ditto for veterans with his military experience. Conservatives like that Bush backs up his rhetoric with conservative action. Pro-lifers have witnessed Bush use his own valuable political capital to speak out from the "bully pulpit" on behalf of the unborn. The fact that he is Hispanic is huge for drawing in a base of new supporters who already share Republican values, but who are hesitant to join due to poorly worded rhetoric and the distrust it breeds. Bush's ability to draw Hispanics to the GOP cannot be understated.

George P. Bush is the future of the Republican Party. The Democrats realize it and are scared to death. Establishment Republicans, afraid of losing control, feel likewise; just look at those opposing him in the primary.

George P. Bush can invigorate the tired and underperforming GOP brand. He can attract young people, women, veterans, teachers, disillusioned conservatives and Hispanics—but first he MUST win re-election.

For the future of Texas, vote to re-elect George P. Bush as Texas Land Commissioner. ★

TCR RECOMMENDATIONS

By law, you can detach this page and take it into the polls with you.
We have chosen the most qualified, conservative candidate in select contested races.
Please read our analysis beginning on page three to help you make an informed decision.

Each endorsed candidate is shown in **BOLD** with a **YELLOW HIGHLIGHT** and red check mark ✓.

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✓ **TED CRUZ**
STEFANO DE STEFANO
MARY MILLER
BRUCE JACOBSON, JR.

GOVERNOR
SECEDE KILGORE
BARBARA KRUEGER
✓ **GREG ABBOTT**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
SCOTT MILDER
✓ **DAN PATRICK**

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✓ **GEORGE P. BUSH**
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JIM HOGAN
✓ **SID MILLER**
TREY BLOCKER

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER
✓ **CHRISTI CRADDICK**
WESTON MARTINEZ

PRESIDING JUDGE,
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
SHARON KELLER
✓ **DAVID BRIDGES**

JUDGE, COURT OF
CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 8
JAY BRANDON
DIB WALDRIP
✓ **MICHELLE SLAUGHTER**

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF
APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 7
✓ **TERRY YATES**
KATY BOATMAN

LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14
✓ **RANDY WEBER**

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 22
✓ **PETE OLSON**

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 17
✓ **JOAN HUFFMAN**

CHAMBERS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23
✓ **MAYES MIDDLETON**

COLORADO

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 10
✓ **MICHAEL T. MCCAUL**

FORT BEND

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 22
✓ **PETE OLSON**

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 17
✓ **JOAN HUFFMAN**

WALLER

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 10
✓ **MICHAEL T. MCCAUL**

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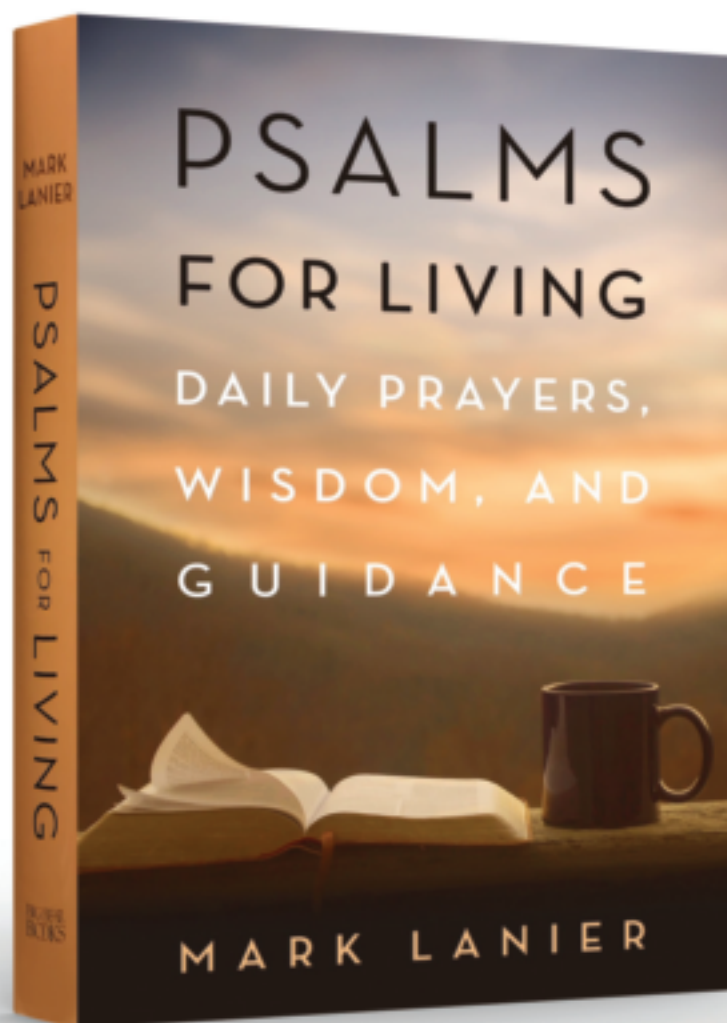
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