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## State Senator Brian Birdwell Endorses Ted Cruz for President

WACO—Texas State Senator Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) today announced his endorsement of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz for President.

Birdwell, one of the leading conservative voices in the Texas State Senate, stated, “Ted Cruz articulates and demonstrates the core conservative principles upon which our country was founded. He understands what it means to fight for those principles at this critical time in our nation’s history. We desperately need that kind of leadership to defend liberty and return us to greatness, and that’s why I’m supporting Ted Cruz.”

Birdwell continued, “From the first time I met Ted Cruz, I have known him to be a steadfast conservative and a tireless defender of liberty. It has been my honor to work with Senator Cruz on a number of issues impacting our shared constituents, and time after time, I have witnessed firsthand his effective leadership and genuine care for the citizens he was elected to serve.”

Birdwell was a staff officer at the Pentagon on 9/11 when American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed just yards away from his second floor Pentagon office. Birdwell was critically wounded and severely burned; of the burns that covered more than 60 percent of his body, nearly half were third degree in severity. Today, following 39 operations, months of hospitalization and numerous skin grafts, Birdwell has made a miraculous recovery. Despite physical limitations, he testifies not only to his physical healing, but the ultimate miracle of grace through Christ. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received that day. Upon retirement in July 2004, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In June 2010, Birdwell won a special election to the Texas State Senate. He currently serves as Chairman of both the Senate Committee on Nominations and the Subcommittee on Border Security, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, State Affairs, and Veteran Affairs & Military Installations. He also served a 2011-2015 term on the Sunset Advisory Commission, a 12-member legislative body focused on identifying and eliminating waste, duplication and inefficiency within state government agencies. In his first three sessions in the Texas Legislature, Birdwell has been consistently heralded as an effective conservative leader, earning recognition from business, family, Second Amendment and other conservative groups throughout Texas.

Brian and his wife, Mel, have been married for 28 years and they have one son, Matt, a graduate of Texas Tech University. The Birdwells attend Lakeside Baptist Church in Granbury.

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