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Lamb Formally Announces Candidacy

Cites need to compete economically and improve Oklahoma's image as impetus for run

Stating that he wants to be an "aggressive advocate for Oklahoma and help the state compete economically by being a strong voice for job growth and tourism" State Senator Todd Lamb formally announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor today.

Surrounded by family, friends, fellow legislators and numerous supporters, Lamb began a statewide announcement tour in Oklahoma City today at the Jim Thorpe Museum.

"I think it is appropriate that we launch this campaign at a facility dedicated to preserving the history of a man like Jim Thorpe. Not only did Thorpe help shape a more positive image for Native Americans and Oklahomans, but he dominated the competition on a national and an international level," Lamb stated. "And that's what I hope to do as the next Lieutenant Governor: I want to improve the image of Oklahoma abroad while also helping us compete against our neighbors to the south, the rest of the United States and the world."

"As Oklahomans, whether we're Cowboys, Sooners, Golden Hurricane, we expect to beat our Texas rivals. We do not allow our coaches to make any excuses when playing against Texas teams. We don't let them say: 'Well, Texas is bigger, they've been around longer, they have a few more guys than we do.' But for far too long that is what we have done with economic development. We have accepted a back seat to Texas. The time for excuses is over. We need action now," Lamb stated.

"We must continue to improve the business climate in the state, improve our education standing and once and for all shrug off the Grapes of Wrath image still perceived by too many outside our state."

A former Secret Service Agent who also served in the administration of Governor Frank Keating and on the staff of Senator Don Nickles, Lamb was elected to the State Senate in 2004 and currently serves as the first Republican Majority Floor Leader.

"Having grown-up in Enid, going to school in Stillwater, living in Oklahoma City, and having visited all 77 counties while working with Governor Keating, I've got firsthand knowledge of how great our citizens really are. And I want to be Oklahoma's ambassador to the rest of the nation and the world about our strong work ethic, our commitment to family and the entrepreneurial and pioneer spirits that define us as Oklahomans," Lamb continued.

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A leader in the pro-life movement in the state, Lamb did not focus exclusively on the economy. “As we continue our progress, it is important that we don’t forget who we are,” Lamb continued. “We must remember that our fundamental rights – which are endowed by our Creator – are the basis for our entire society. I will use the platform of the Lt. Governor’s office to be an advocate for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Lamb concluded the press conference by thanking former U.S. Senator Don Nickles and Sandridge Energy CEO Tom Ward for agreeing to be Co-Chairmen of his campaign. He also thanked Casey Healey Kilblaine of Davis, Larry Nichols of Oklahoma City, Bob Sullivan of Tulsa, Lew Ward of Enid and Ed Apple of Duncan for being Statewide Chairs of his campaign.

After announcing in Oklahoma City, the Lamb for Lt. Governor Campaign continues its announcement tour in Tulsa, Enid, Ada, Duncan and Lawton over the next two days.