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**DOTHAN BUSINESSMAN GEORGE FLOWERS ANNOUNCES  
CANDIDACY FOR DISTRICT 29 SENATE SEAT  
*REPORTS MORE THAN \$100,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS IN JUST ONE MONTH***

**Dothan** – Promising to bring fresh, conservative leadership and a laser-like focus on jobs to Montgomery, Dothan businessman George Flowers on Monday announced he will be a candidate for the State Senate District 29 seat currently held by Harri Anne Smith (R – Slocomb) and has already raised more than \$100,000 to fund his campaign effort.

“Our state is at a critical point in its history, and I believe that my background in business and the conservative Wiregrass values my parents taught me as a boy can help solve the great problems we face,” Flowers said. “We need a senator who is willing to work hard, make the tough decisions and join the effort to fundamentally change how Montgomery operates. I will fight every day to bring jobs, roads and other needs to this district so the Wiregrass can continue to thrive.”

The 48-year-old said he will also base his campaign on demanding a higher standard of ethics from public officials, improving public education to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce and combating the plague of illegal immigration that deeply affects Alabama.

Recognizing the economic impact that Country Crossing has had upon the area, Flowers said he would support a statewide referendum on gaming provided the terms of the enabling legislation were acceptable and taxed the revenues at a national standard. He did note the possible social impact that gaming could have upon Alabama if approved.

Flowers also said several questionable Senate votes cast by the incumbent, including one opposing the implementation of a code of ethics for public school teachers, were among the concerns that prompted him to run.

“The code of ethics simply said that teachers should not come to work drunk, should not take illegal drugs or have inappropriate relations with students, among other things,” Flowers said. “The vote cast by the incumbent was cast on behalf of the Montgomery special interests and not in the interest of families, parents and schoolchildren in this legislative district.”

A campaign finance report filed with the state last month showed that Flowers, who began raising money in December while deciding whether to enter the race, collected about \$108,000 in contributions from individuals and businesses throughout the district.

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Former U.S. Congressman Terry Everett, who represented Alabama's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District in Washington for 16 years, was among the first contributors to Flowers' campaign.

"Our success in fundraising convinced me we would have the resources needed to run a competitive and ultimately successful race," Flowers said. "It is obvious there is a hunger throughout the district for new leadership in Montgomery, and the money we raised in just one month is evidence of that fact."

Prior to his official announcement, Flowers created a principal campaign committee and placed the names on file with the Secretary of State's Office. Each member of the committee is a former supporter and campaign contributor of the incumbent, and they include:

- Wallace Davis Malone III, a Dothan attorney and partner in the Farmer & Malone, P.A. law firm
- Reid Dove, who serves as president of AAA Cooper Transportation, a Dothan-based trucking firm serving 12 southeastern states and various industrial regions in the country.
- Jeff Coleman, the president of Covan International, which is one of the largest household moving companies in the world and headquartered in Midland City.
- Steve Shaw, who serves as president of Couch Ready-Mix USA, a Dothan-based regional supplier of concrete and construction products.

Flowers, who was born and raised in Dothan, has owned and operated a variety of successful area businesses and currently serves as president of Cox Swimming Pools.

He is a past board member and president of the Dothan Boy's Club and a past board member of the House of Ruth. His civic involvement has also included the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Adopt-a-School, Christian Counseling and Special Olympics.

Flowers holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Auburn University and a Masters of Arts Degree from the University of Alabama, both in Accounting.

He and his wife of 25 years, Laura Sugg Flowers, have three children, Emily, Davis and Littleton, all of whom are college students. They are members of First United Methodist Church in Dothan, where Flowers has been actively involved in a number of areas and positions.

The campaign website may be found by visiting [www.flowersforsenate.com](http://www.flowersforsenate.com) on the Internet.

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