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**DOTHAN BUSINESSMAN GEORGE FLOWERS OFFICIALLY FILES
QUALIFYING PAPERS FOR DISTRICT 29 SENATE SEAT**

Dothan – Dothan businessman George Flowers on Tuesday filed qualifying papers with the Alabama Republican Party making him an official candidate for the State Senate District 29 seat currently held by Harri Anne Smith (R – Slocomb).

“The opening of qualifying is like a starter’s pistol signaling the beginning of what promises to be a long, difficult and, hopefully, ultimately victorious race,” Flowers said. “I look forward to debating the issues that deeply affect the Wiregrass and discussing the area’s need for strong, conservative leadership in the State Senate. If elected, I will fight every day to bring jobs, roads and other needs to this district so that Houston, Geneva and Dale counties can continue to thrive.”

The 49-year-old said he will base his campaign on recruiting needed jobs and industry, demanding a higher standard of ethics from public officials, improving public education to prepare students for the 21st Century workforce and combating the illegal immigration that plagues 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.

His candidacy has already reported substantial fundraising numbers and has recruited several prominent former supporters of his opponent. Former U.S. Congressman Terry Everett, who represented Alabama’s 2nd Congressional District in Washington for 16 years, was among the first contributors to Flowers’ campaign.

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 on the Internet.