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**DOTHAN BUSINESSMAN GEORGE FLOWERS FORMS
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR SENATE DISTRICT 29 SEAT
*TERRY EVERETT AMONG FIRST DONORS***

Dothan – Dothan businessman George Flowers on Thursday announced he has formed a campaign committee for a potential candidacy for the State Senate District 29 seat currently held by Harri Anne Smith (R – Slocomb), and, having already passed the statutory fundraising threshold, has filed the names with the Alabama Secretary of State's Office, as required by law.

“Given the amount of money we have raised, thus far, and the foundation we have laid, I am obviously giving a Senate candidacy my serious consideration,” Flowers said. “I plan to discuss the idea more thoroughly with my wife and family over the holidays, and will continue to pray about it, but I feel myself being called to run more and more each day.”

Because state election law requires State Senate candidates raising in excess of \$10,000 to place a principal campaign committee on file with the state, Flowers said he has already surpassed the threshold and announced that the members of his committee are:

- 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.

In addition, he noted that among the first donors to his campaign was former U.S. Congressman Terry Everett, who represented Alabama's 2nd Congressional District in Washington for 16 years.

Flowers said his interest in addressing issues such as illegal immigration, jobs and the economy, public education and the need for stronger ethics laws and transparency in Montgomery has spurred his interest in running for the Senate.

Though concerned about the social effects gambling would have on Alabama, he said that his campaign would support a statewide referendum on the topic if the enabling legislation was acceptable and taxed gaming revenues at a national standard.

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, Inc..

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.

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