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Poll shows tight race for CD 19

Dr. Donald May showing strong in first poll of the race

LUBBOCK – An internal poll conducted by the Donald May for U.S. House District 19 campaign shows the contest surprisingly close this early in the race. Dr. May is within seven points of ten-year incumbent politician Randy Neugebauer in the poll, conducted in late November. The poll further shows that Neugebauer’s negatives make it hard for the incumbent to solidify his support. CD 19 includes all or part of 29 counties including the cities of Lubbock and Abilene.

The poll of 1,640 likely Republican voters, conducted by a reputable polling firm on behalf of Independence Strategies, May’s general consulting firm, shows that in a two-person race, Neugebauer gets 39.55 percent of the vote to May’s 32.84 percent, with 27.61 percent undecided.

“These numbers are very good for Dr. May,” said Independence Strategies President James Bernsen. “To be this close at the beginning of a race shows the public is ready for a change, and that a large number of voters are already embracing Dr. Donald May as the conservative leader they want in the U.S. House.”

Dr. May, known throughout West Texas as the author of the daily “Mr. Conservative” blog in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, has strong name ID in the race, though not as strong as Neugebauer, who was first elected in 2002. Asked to assess the incumbent’s job performance, 44.61 percent of survey respondents rated it as positive, while 41.54 percent rated it as negative. Bernsen said those weak numbers for the incumbent reflect what the May Campaign has been hearing from voters in town halls throughout the district – that Neugebauer simply isn’t doing anything.

“This sentiment is not surprising, because in his entire 10-year term in congress, Randy Neugebauer has only passed three bills, and two of them were to name post offices,” Bernsen said. “He’s never passed a single agriculture-related bill, despite the fact that he represents one of the strongest agricultural regions in the nation. That’s not conservative leadership, and the people of West Texas want better.

“West Texas voters want a congressman who will stand up to the Obama Administration in the House like Ted Cruz is doing in the Senate,” Bernsen said. “They want someone to not only fight to repeal Obamacare, but to find real solutions to our health care crisis. Dr. May is a surgeon with decades of experience and a strong understanding of health care economics. He’s just the right person to fight for a strong free-market solution that puts patients and doctors in control of health care decisions, not government bureaucrats.”

May is a farmer, surgeon, decorated veteran, former Texas Tech professor and associate dean, medical economist, small business owner, and conservative leader. Dr. May served during the Cold War as the first retina surgeon in the U.S. Air Force, receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal for his service. As a congressman for District 19, Dr. May will work to increase the production of oil, natural gas, water, agricultural, and other resources. He will fight to get the government off the backs and out of the pockets of the American people.

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