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STATEMENT BY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD RAYMOND
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Laredo -- I am announcing today that I have filed for re-election as State Representative for District 42, Laredo, Texas.

Many people are aware that I am a plaintiff in the lawsuit regarding Congressional districts in Texas. We are seeking to restore the voting rights of millions of Texans, which were violated by Tom DeLay and what was clearly a corrupted review process by political appointees at the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear our case and the process will begin on January 10, 2006, with the submission of our court briefs. We expect a ruling in our favor in the first part of next year. This will mean a return to different districts, but they will be legal districts which do not violate our voting rights.

I have worked with many people on this fight for nearly three years and I am proud that our fight to protect voting rights will prevail. Although it means I can not seek higher office at this time, it is the right and just outcome for my constituents and, I believe, all Texans.

Unrelated, but just as important, is a fight that we must wage to save our schools. When the Texas Supreme Court recently ruled against the two school districts I represent and so many of the school districts who need and deserve to have equal education, the seriousness of this issue was elevated to a new level.

I have concluded that the right thing for my constituents and for me is to seek re-election. I intend to use the same experience I brought in the struggle to protect our voting rights and now use it to make sure our children's educational rights are protected.

I intend to campaign the only way I know how – to win.

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