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Matt Fridy Announces for State House

(MONTEVALLO, AL)—Republican Matt Fridy announced today he will run for the Alabama House of Representatives - District 73. District 73 is located in southwestern Shelby County, comprising portions of Montevallo, Alabaster, Pelham, Helena, and Pea Ridge. The district was created recently through the redistricting process because of heavy population growth in Shelby County. No current legislators reside in the district.

Fridy brings a solidly conservative voice to the House race. He is staunchly prolife, believes in low taxes, and thinks that the key to creating economic opportunity is getting the government off the backs of our small businesses and out of our personal affairs. Not content merely to espouse a Republican philosophy, however, Fridy has worked hard in the political arena to fight for his conservative values. He is a former, two-term chairman of the Shelby County Republican Party. He presently serves on the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee and recently completed a two-year term as a member of its Steering Committee. Active at the grassroots level, Fridy has volunteered on behalf of many Republican candidates; most notably, he recently has managed a number of successful political campaigns, including, among others, April Weaver's and Kurt Wallace's campaigns for the Alabama House of Representatives and Mike Vest's campaign for Shelby County Commissioner.

"I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Alabama House of Representatives," said Fridy. "My pledge to the citizens of District 73 is that, if elected, I will work hard, day in and day out, to give them the representation they deserve in Montgomery. I will be a strong, conservative voice for the voters of our district, and I will stand up for their interests. My good friends Mary Sue McClurkin, April Weaver, and Mike Hill, from whose prior districts this new district was created, have been hardworking representatives on behalf of the citizens of this district. I intend to follow in their footsteps, working hard to create jobs, keep taxes low, improve education, shrink government, and foster a culture of life. Above all, I intend to be the kind of responsive public servant that the people of this district deserve."

An active community leader, Fridy is a graduate of Leadership Shelby County, and, until recently, served as a Vice Chairman on the Board of Directors of the

University of Montevallo's National Alumni Association. Fridy was also a founding member of the Junior Board of Directors of the University of Montevallo's National Alumni Association, and, in 2010, he was named the University of Montevallo's Young Alumnus of the Year. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of Hands On Birmingham, a nonprofit, community service organization, and he served as a founding member of that organization's Junior Board of Directors.

Fridy graduated with honors from the University of Montevallo in 1998. He attended Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where he served as the Executive Editor of the *Cumberland Law Review*. He graduated *magna cum laude* in 2001 and served a one-year appointment as a law clerk to United States District Judge Edwin Nelson. Today, Fridy is a member of the law firm of Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff, and Brandt, LLC, a full-service law firm located in Homewood, where he specializes in constitutional law, government law, critical motion and appellate practice, and corporate litigation.

Fridy is married to the former Kimberly Arledge of Montevallo, a pharmacist, and the two have three children: Jack (6), who is a rising first grader at Evangel Classical Christian School in Alabaster; Beth (4); and Cate (2). The Fridys are expecting their fourth child, Emily Claire, in September. The family attends Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Montevallo, where Fridy serves as an Elder.

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