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Candaras Receives Major Endorsements from Elected and Community Leaders

(Springfield - MA) Congressman Richard E. Neal led a group of other prominent elected officials and community leaders in endorsing the Senate candidacy of State Representative Gale Candaras for the 1st Hampden and Hampshire District Senate seat.

Neal was joined by Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe and Sister Mary Caritas, former CEO of the Sisters of Providence Health Systems. They made the endorsement in front of a capacity crowd at the Pine Point Senior Center in Springfield.

"I worked with Gale Candaras on behalf of the people we both served when she was a Wilbraham Selectman, and now as a State Representative. From her first day in office straight through to today, her energy and enthusiasm for the job has not lessened. I see how hard she works for our constituents, the time and energy she puts into caring about their needs and concerns everyday. She is tireless and committed to the advocacy of her district. Frankly, all of Western Massachusetts needs Gale Candaras' energy working for us in the State Senate," said Neal.

"Gale Candaras' record in the House, what she has accomplished both at the State House, and on important local issues here at home is outstanding. She gets the job done. In the Senate, she will have the ability to do even more for the people we both serve," stated Neal.

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe stated: "Gale Candaras has fought for strong laws that fight crime on our streets. She has been my partner in strengthening the Hampden County Correctional Facility – in getting the funds we need from Boston for law enforcement here in the County. We need her in the Senate where she can take the effort to a new level."

"Health Care in our region, for all of us, for those who have insurance and those who do not, for working families and the disadvantaged, for small businesses and health care providers, has benefited from the compassion Gale Candaras brings to the legislature. Her fight every year to get this area our rightful return of state medicaid dollars has not only helped patients, but has helped save health care workers' jobs here," said Sister Mary Caritas.

“I am so humbled by the support that I have received from people throughout the Senate District. Having the endorsements of our area’s major elected and community leaders, people like Congressman Neal, Sheriff Ashe, and Sister Caritas, who are recognized for their contributions to us all, is a responsibility and a trust that I will bring with me to the Senate. I will never ever take for granted the faith people have placed in me to be their voice in Boston,” said Candaras.

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