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Dear State House 101 Constituent:

The 2004 election cycle is here. During the next few weeks and months we will be bombarded by the national news media with their stories about presidential primary elections. That means state and local elections are here as well.

I commend your past willingness to actively participate in the political process. Would you consider joining our team as I seek to fill the seat being vacated by a great public servant, State Representative Forrest Claunch?

The date of our official kick-off reception at Spencer's Smokehouse Barbecue Special Event Center was selected for two reasons. First, it is my father's birthday. It is a family tradition to make an issue of two. Why? He was born on the second day of the second month of the 22nd year of the century and is a twin. Second, it is the day Gov. Brad Henry delivered his second "State of the State" message in the House of Representatives which begins the second session of Oklahoma's 49th Legislature.

Linda and I are honored to have so many of you express excitement and enthusiastic support for the campaign.

Frankly, putting together a political campaign is not an easy undertaking. To run an effective and successful political race, it will take hundreds of supporters like you making financial contributions, serving as volunteers, placing yard signs and going to the polls to vote.

Any investment you make in my campaign will be matched with a work ethic second to none. During my 1998 State Senate race I knocked on over 12,500 doors in the 20 weeks prior to Election Day. The constituents of House District 101 deserve the same kind of effort in this campaign. I am confident we will put together an outstanding organization.

My life experiences uniquely position me to serve the diverse needs of State House District 101 which covers parts of east Midwest City, Nicoma Park, Choctaw and southeast Oklahoma City. Military, municipal government, economic and education issues dominate the agenda for anyone elected to represent portions of eastern Oklahoma County.

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Having served both active duty and reserve assignments for the U.S. Army, I know how to relate to military affairs.

A 28-year public school teaching career and my current responsibility as a Regent at Rose State College help me better understand problems facing common education and higher education.

Serving as a volunteer on various committees has given me a first hand look at issues of quality of life facing the Midwest City community and eastern Oklahoma County.

As a graduate of Leadership Midwest City and a member of the current Leadership Oklahoma class, I have a greater command of the economic development issues facing eastern Oklahoma County and all of Oklahoma.

As we gear up for this campaign, let me thank you for your support and encouragement in the past. Without it, Linda and I would not even consider committing to this challenge. We are sustained by your friendship and support and look forward to seeing you during the campaign.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for whatever help you can give. To make a donation to the campaign simply print the donor card information, fill it out, make a check payable to Friends of Gary Banz for State House 101 and mail it to Friends of Gary Banz, 11061 Canterbury Lane, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130.

Sincerely,

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Republican Candidate
State House of Representatives, District 101

P.S. Our conservative values must be reinforced at the State Capitol, not diminished. As our economy rights itself under President Bush, the tax-and-spend mentality embraced by so many in the halls of the State Legislature must be held back. If you share my belief we are over-taxed and that state government cannot continue to expand on the backs of Oklahoma's working men and women, please send your donation today. And, if I can answer any question, please contact me at 405-769-5722