

Wisdom for Congress:

What Separates Jeff Wisdom from the Pack in the 2010 Congressional Race?

Some affectionately call us the "magnificent seven," referring to those of us currently seeking the 2010 Republican nomination for Congress in Missouri's Seventh District. While all of us are qualified candidates with varying backgrounds, I differentiate myself from the pack. Ask most Americans, especially those living here in Southwest Missouri, and they will tell you the two key issues in 2010 are the economy and national security/terrorism. Looking at the slate of congressional candidates, can you name the one person in this race that has extensive knowledge and broad recent experience in both areas?

I have committed over 20 years, more than half my life, to studying our economy. I have undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics, plus nearly 15 years of teaching basic economic principles to college students. My students understand how a free market system works better than most of our elected officials. I know what we need to do and how to do it. Given my comprehension of the economy, coupled with my analytical skills in statistical research, no one in Washington can deceive me with phony numbers and empty rhetoric. I will NOT support reckless government spending, bailouts, misguided stimulus packages, socialized risk, nor or any attempt by the government to take over private sector entities, including the healthcare system. I will vehemently oppose any addition to our tax burden. Taxed enough already does not even begin to describe it. We are taxed WAY TOO MUCH already!! I will work tirelessly to repeal the 16th Amendment, removing the ability of Congress to tax our income. This will pave the way for implementation of the fair tax, which will prove to be the greatest catalyst for economic growth our nation has ever seen. The private sector will flourish. Millions of manufacturing jobs will relocate to the United States under the favorable tax environment for employers. It will shift the power base of this country back to the states and the people, where it belongs. I believe in people, not an overgrown federal government.

On the national security front, I have served in the military for almost seven years. I know what it means to take an oath to the country and keep it. I received a commendation medal for my year of service in Iraq guarding detainees. I stood face-to-face with the enemy on a daily basis. I can tell you from first-hand knowledge – that there IS a war on terrorism. Enemy combatants are attacking us on our own soil. Consider for a moment the massacre at Fort Hood and the attempted bombing of an airliner bound for the United States on Christmas Day. I will stand up to those who want to treat terrorism as a criminal offense and those who want to close our military detainee facilities, namely Guantanamo Bay. I support enhanced interrogation of enemy

combatants. It is far more important to save American lives than to worry about the rights of terrorists!!

As you decide who should represent you in Congress, look beyond what the candidates say. Rather, I ask that you examine what they have done. Any candidate can sound believable, telling you what you want to hear. The true test of a candidate's sincerity is what they have been willing to do with their lives, and the sacrifices they have made, prior to running for office. I have devoted my life to educating our young people, understanding our economic system, public service, and defending the country. From grandparents and parents who lived through the Great Depression, I know the value of hard work, perseverance, and personal responsibility. I will put my experience, my passion, and my knowledge to work for you. Give me the chance to represent you – to be your advocate, your voice, in Washington, DC.