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As the current State Representative for Boise's District 15B, I've pursued my commitment to make a difference in Idaho. That drive began when I entered public service as a rookie police officer for the city of Burley, Idaho. It continued as I rose through the ranks to the executive level of the Idaho State Police, retiring from a career in public safety after two terms as United States Marshal for Idaho. The insight I gained from working with members of the community in my roles at the local, state, and federal level has been an invaluable resource for me to be effective in improving the state we cherish.

Each session that I serve with the Idaho Legislature, I roll up my sleeves and move forward on initiatives that make an impact....like sponsoring and passing bills for enhancing school safety, anti-bullying, suicide prevention, improvements in foster care, and provision of mental health crisis centers. I co-sponsored and passed the bill expanding treatment for firefighters who become ill due to workplace dangers, as well as a separate bill protecting nurses, paramedics, and healthcare workers from assault while performing their jobs. I supported and passed increased funding for public schools, teacher pay, and early childhood education initiatives. As an appointee to the Public Defense Reform Committee, I'm working with my peers to enhance efficiency in the criminal justice process while ensuring fair representation to all Idaho citizens. I also serve as a house legislative representative overseeing the Idaho School Safety and Security Advisory Board. Recently, I have been honored to have received the Idaho Federation of Family's for Children's Mental

Health “Outstanding Advocacy Award” for my work in the legislature on behalf of behavioral health treatment for Idaho children.

The votes I’ve cast as a legislator reflect a deep respect for taxpayers by holding the line against tax increases for individuals and business in Idaho. Maintaining a balanced budget remains a priority for all the initiatives that I pursue. I look for ways to solve problems that involve being a good steward of our general fund, and increasing accountability to the public with each bill.

My educational background includes a BS in Corporate Training and an M.Ed from Idaho State University, as well as an associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from the College of Southern Idaho. My committee assignments in Idaho’s House reflect my areas of expertise and include the Judiciary and Rules, Education, and Transportation and Defense committees respectively. I retired from the Air Force Reserve after serving 26 years. I have been married to Sarah Jane McDonald for 45 years, have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and extended family throughout the Treasure Valley. Idaho is my home and I will do everything I can to protect our state.