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DISTRICT ATTORNEY CALDWELL ANNOUNCES FOR LA. ATTORNEY GENERAL

BATON ROUGE, LA – James D. "Buddy" Caldwell, District Attorney for East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas parishes since 1978, held a press conference today to announce his candidacy for Louisiana Attorney General. Surrounded by friends and family, Caldwell said he has no doubt he is the best person for the job.

"It has now become absolutely apparent that the State of Louisiana needs an Attorney General with knowledge, experience, and integrity," Caldwell said. "After serving 29 years as District Attorney, trying felony cases in my three-parish district, and personally advising police juries, port commissions, school boards, hospital service districts, and law enforcement on legal matters, I am prepared to take on the responsibilities of Attorney General and use my experience to lead and improve our quality of life in Louisiana," he said.

His broad range of legal experience and established credibility as a tough prosecutor and honest and reliable public servant will aid him in coordinating efforts with local and statewide organizations, Caldwell said. As Attorney General he plans to not only assist law enforcement and public agencies, but also to issue legal opinions in a timely manner, and constructively work with the legislature.

Caldwell, born in Columbia, Louisiana, earned his law degree from Tulane Law School. He was elected to the office of District Attorney in 1978. In 1983, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association and served an unprecedented thirteen years in a row, until 1996. In addition, he was elected President of the Board and has since been elected three additional years as the Past President's representative.

As District Attorney, Caldwell has held conferences that specialized in criminal law and procedure, civil board representation, judicial ethics, and crime scene investigation. He has achieved a ninety-nine percent conviction rate, and he holds the highest per capita collection rate for past-due child support in the state. In addition to establishing pre-trial diversion programs for adult and juvenile first-time offenders, Caldwell has significantly increased funding for the indigent defenders program in his district.

He and his wife Pat have seven children and six grandchildren. Currently, they reside in Tallulah.

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