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Jon Dunwell Announces Run for Statehouse

(NEWTON) – Jon Dunwell, a businessman and leadership coach from Newton, announced today that he will seek election to the Iowa House in District 29 which includes most of Jasper County, including the communities of Newton, Baxter, Mingo, Kellogg, Oakland Acres, Prairie City, & Colfax.

“I have spent my career helping others achieve their goals and reach their potential,” said Dunwell. “Now, it’s time that I step up and do the same for the people of Newton and Jasper County.”

Dunwell was raised in Shakopee, Minnesota where he felt a strong call for service. After graduating from Lutheran High School and Crown College, he married Christie Lauterbach, from Newton, in 1990 and moved to Orlando, FL where Jon pastored Westwood Church for 21 years. During his time at Westwood, he devoted significant time to volunteer efforts in the community including serving as the Senior Chaplain for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Chairman of the Board of Seniors First, and as a Metro Board Member of the Central Florida YMCA. Jon continues his strong support of the community through volunteering with Main Street, the Chamber of Commerce, and Destination Downtown Newton Association.

In 2011, Jon and his family moved back to Christie’s hometown Newton, IA. Over the last 10 years Jon has worked as a Vice President in the financial services business, being part of teams that have raised over \$4 billion in investment capital for real estate and private equity investments and most recently founded Legacy Park Wealth. His sojourn into the business community was a purposeful career move to expand his experience beyond the world of non-profit, better preparing him for his future as an executive coach for businesses, non-profits, and churches. “Healthy leaders, teams, lives....and communities” is the tagline that best describes Jon’s work and passion

“I want to ensure that Iowans of all backgrounds have the tools they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. That starts with strong and vibrant communities like we have right here in Jasper County,” said Dunwell.

Dunwell says his priorities will focus on growing the state’s economy to create new jobs, investing in education, bringing truth in taxation, making health care more affordable and accessible, and protecting our freedoms.

"In order for our employers to be successful, they need a workforce built for the 21st century. I will make it a priority to invest in Iowa workers to ensure they have the high-demand skills that businesses are looking for. I will work to make sure that our kids get a world-class education that sets them up for success after graduation. I will look for innovative ways to reform health care to ensure that families can access the services they need at an affordable price."

Jon is married to Christie and enjoys living and working in the Newton community where he and his family have long established relationships. Jon and Christie have two boys, Addison (20) and Bryce (17).

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