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Ron Paul a Real Option for the Republican Nomination by John Francies

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Texas Congressman Ron Paulâ€™s invitation to join him in â€˜Restoring America Nowâ€™ has hit a chord among thousands of U.S. voters. As the leading spokesman in Washington for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets and a return to sound monetary policies based on commodity-backed currency, he has inherited a national reputation as the premier advocate for liberty in politics today.

His background includes being born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduating from Gettysburg College and the Duke University School of Medicine before serving as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s. Later he and his wife settled in Texas to develop his obstetrics/gynecology medical practice.

True, his service in Congress during the 1970s and 1980s was not often popular as he was and is still known among both his colleagues in Congress and his constituents for his consistent voting record in the House of Representatives: Dr. Paul never votes for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution. He remains an accomplished author and recipient of numerous honors and awards for his contributions in the fields of monetary policy, banking, and political economy.

With a legacy of five children and eighteen grandchildren he is a staunch advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending, and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels. In 1984, he voluntarily relinquished his House seat and returned to his medical practice.

Returning to Congress in 1997, Dr. Paul began his representation of the 14th Congressional district of Texas and serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology Dr. Paul continues to advocate a dramatic reduction in the size of the federal government and a return to constitutional principles.

Dr. Paulâ€™s consistency is duly noted by fellow Congressmen who are quoted as saying:

â€œRon Paul personifies the Founding Fathersâ€™ ideal of the citizen-statesman. He makes it clear that h principles will never be compromised, and they never are.â€• And:

â€œThere are few people in public life who, through thick and thin, rain or shine, stick to their principles. Ron Paul is one of those few.â€•

It doesnâ€™t worry Paul that government bureaucrats would be laid off under his plan to cut $1 trillion out of the federal budget in one year.

â€œSome would be laid off, but economically thereâ€™s a big difference between a bureaucrat who hinde productivity than people in the workforce who actually produce goods and services,â€• Paul said . . . And he promotes self-sufficiency by asking people to live within their means and not rely on the government to care for their every need: â€œIf we didnâ€™t have bailouts, dependency on government, welfare for the rich, food stamps for the poor.â€•

And his familiar message of a limited foreign policy rang loudly: â€œStop the drones. Stop the

bombing. Bring our troops home.â€•

Donald Trumpâ€™s recent Daily News comments notwithstanding, many view Ron Paul as America's leading voice for limited, constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, sound money, and a pro-America foreign policy.

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