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### **SPEARS ANNOUNCES STATE SENATE CANDIDACY**

#### **Chandler, Lyons Endorse Republican Candidate**

**CLOVIS:** Republican Angie Spears today announced her candidacy for State Senate in District 7, which includes Curry, Quay and Union Counties. Spears, age 37, is a fourth generation New Mexican, raised in Eastern New Mexico on the Lyons Ranch in Quay County where conservative family values run deep. Growing up on the Lyons ranch, Spears developed a strong work ethic with a heart for people. She currently serves as the Clinical Director for TeamBuilders Counseling Services, Inc., one of the largest non-profit Children's Mental Health Agency in New Mexico. Spears graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Psychology in 1995, and received a Master's of Arts in Counseling from Eastern New Mexico University in 2005. She is married to Kevin Spears of Clovis and is the mother of four school age children.

"I'm running for the state senate, because we need leaders with the courage to stand-up to the status quo and fight for real reforms. New Mexicans are fed up with politicians who don't represent their views," Spears said, who pledged to fight to repeal the law that gives driver's licenses to illegal immigrants and oppose any and all tax increases to help private sector job growth.

Spears says she will make education reform a priority and supports merit-based pay increases for teachers and ending the practice of social promotion.

Upon her announcement, Spears received several key endorsements, including that of Ninth Judicial District Attorney and former Republican nominee for Attorney General Matt Chandler.

Chandler said of Spears, "I have known Angie for years and can state unequivocally that she will best represent the conservative values of our area and help move New Mexico forward."

Spears also received the endorsement of former District 7 State Senator,

former State Land Commissioner and current Public Regulations Commission member and chairman Pat Lyons.

"Having served in the state senate for 10 years, I am confident Angie Spears has the courage and convictions to be a strong and effective voice for the people that live within our district," said Lyons.