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We Recommend . . .

Culverhouse in District 12

Fort Pierce rancher and attorney Brad Culverhouse is the better choice for election to the U.S. House of Representatives from the newly created 12th District. The district is comprised of northern and western Palm Beach County plus Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Glades counties and parts of Indian River and three other counties. Democrat Culverhouse is a life-long resident of the area with a keen appreciation of its problems and people.

An adviser and former Washington aide to Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), who has campaigned vigorously for him, Culverhouse has practical Washington experience and contacts within the House leadership which can be put to good use for the benefit of district residents.

During his campaign he has demonstrated a strong, sincere concern for the well-being of people. Culverhouse is no ideologue

blindly hewing to political and economic philosophies which have plunged the country into deep recession and threaten the jobs and well-being of working- and middle-class America. His Republican opponent, state Sen. Tom Lewis, actually suggests Reaganomics is working, apparently unmindful that inflation has plunged not because of the promised "supply side" revival but because the economy is in such a tailspin.

Culverhouse has refused to endorse the ruinous (and misnamed) "balanced budget" amendment which, under the rules the Reagan administration laid down, would require cuts in Social Security. He has supported unqualifiedly the ERA (Lewis cast a deciding vote against ratifying in the Florida Senate) and opposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion which Lewis would impose on women. Moreover, Culverhouse supports a nuclear weapons freeze, which Lewis opposes.

On other issues such as foreign policy and defense, Culverhouse and Lewis seem to share similar conservative views as reflected in the "Know Your Candidates" supplement published today in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.

Voters are faced with a clear choice of sticking with the Republicans and Reaganomics or joining the Democrats and Brad Culverhouse in a badly needed mid-course correction. Culverhouse is qualified, knowledgeable about the state's problems, sensitive to its people and deserves to be elected.



Brad Culverhouse

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