**01-28-15 Samuel F. (Sam) Britton announces his candidacy for the office of Public Service Commissioner for the Southern District with the Republican Party.**

“It would be an honor and privilege for me to serve you as your Public Service Commissioner. The Public Service Commission touches the lives of Mississippians every day, as it regulates the utilities that provide the essential services we use. My financial experience and business background would be of great value in serving you as your Public Service Commissioner.” -Sam Britton

Sam worked to pay his way through college and graduated from Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He worked at the Office of the State Auditor and the Mississippi State Tax Commission. He received his CPA certificate and opened his own CPA firm in his home town of Waynesboro. He has been working in accounting and finance-related positions for 30 years.

With his experience and education, Sam is truly a financial expert and was named one of “Mississippi Leaders in Finance for 2014” by the Mississippi Business Journal. He has been invited as a guest speaker at universities on the topics of finance including business valuation and accounting-related topics.

Sam holds the following credentials: Certified Public Accountant, Accredited in Business Valuation, Certified Valuation Analyst, Certified in Financial Forensics, Personal Financial Specialist, Chartered Global Management Accountant, and a Charter Mergers & Acquisition Professional. Sam is a real estate broker licensed in Mississippi.

Sam is a member of the University of Southern Mississippi’s Business Advisory Council, the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts, the Middle Market Investment Banking Association, the Association for Corporate Growth, the Mississippi Economic Council, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Southeast Chapter of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. Sam is also a life member of the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association and the Jones County Junior College Alumni Association.

Sam is a graduate of Leadership Mississippi and has served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Jones County Junior College Foundation Board and served as the finance committee chairman, Board of Governors of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants, Past President of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Southeast Chapter of the Certified Public Accountants, and various other leadership positions in volunteer organizations.

Sam has completed three marathons including the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, the New York City Marathon, and the San Francisco Marathon which he completed on his 50th birthday.

Sam is married to Robin Robinson and they live in Laurel. Robin is very active in the community and the state. Robin currently serves on the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Services and the State Institutions of Higher Education. Robin received the Girl Scout’s Woman of Distinction Award and she was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi’s Alumni Hall of Fame besides many other honors and service.

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