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## **Jim McEntire Announces Campaign for State House of Representatives**

**Former Clallam County Commissioner and retired Coast Guard Captain Jim McEntire announced today he will run for the State House of Representatives for the 24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. McEntire will challenge incumbent Steve Tharinger.**

Sequim, WA – Former Clallam County Commissioner and Retired Coast Guard Captain Jim McEntire announced today he will run for the State House of Representatives. McEntire has a long record of public service, promoting balanced budgets, economic development and bi-partisanship as a County Commissioner and before that as a Port Commissioner.

“Our community is unique and deserves a voice in Olympia who understands our values and the simple truth that Seattle’s agenda has hurt the people who live on the Peninsula,” said McEntire, citing the urban opposition to rural jobs and and the longstanding failure to fairly fund local schools.

McEntire also pledged to work to restore water rights denied by the state Supreme Court’s Hirst decisions, “Denying water to home owners is cruel, and will have a devastating effect on our local economy. Restoring commonsense rules for wells and water rights should be our first priority in the legislature.”

Washington State has the 6<sup>th</sup> Highest debt per capita in the nation, and issue that worries McEntire, “As a County Commissioner I helped balance our county budget, as a legislator you can trust me to do the same with the state budget and be more careful with borrowing to fund state projects.”

McEntire was a decorated Coast Guard officer, twice earning the Legion of Merit, three times the Meritorious Service Medal, three times the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and several other awards.

Jim is a leader in our local community, serving on the board of the Boys and Girls Club, volunteering with the Sequim Rotary and serving on several local boards – with an emphasis on economic development. Jim is also active in the retired military community, including being the past president of the region’s Military Officers Association of America.

McEntire and his wife Sherry have three grown children, seven grandchildren and two collies. Sherry is a retired social worker. Jim enjoys target shooting, Sherry likes riding her horse, and together they can be seen around our community walking their two collies.

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