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PRESS RELEASE: Experienced Councilman Andy Ruff Announces Run for Indiana Ninth Congressional District

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana – Andy Ruff, after serving five terms as a Democratic at-large member of the Bloomington city council, today formally announced he will run for Congress in Indiana's Ninth District. Ruff said "I'm running because we need to do a much better job of reflecting the real needs of the people of our district. I'm committed to serving our region of Southern Indiana and fighting for average Hoosiers." Ruff notes he has lived in Southern Indiana his entire life and is familiar with all parts of the Ninth District. Ruff said "My goal is to be elected to represent the district, develop a plan for betterment of the district, and to support policies and bring resources to the help steer Southern Indiana toward a better future."

"In my many years as a council member I have consistently supported policies that support employees, protect the environment, promote a strong and fair economy with widespread benefits and economic opportunities and protect civil and constitutional rights. I believe I'm a candidate who closely shares the priorities and values of our district, who understands the problems and needs of people in Southern Indiana, and who can be a change agent for the kind of changes we need to see in government. I will be a real representative for Southern Indiana. I have a history of getting things done by breaking down barriers between people."

Ruff said "I'm convinced that nobody is really listening to us now. I'm going to be listening closely for the next several months, all over the district, and I will develop policy plans based on the needs of the people of Southern Indiana...policies geared toward the needs of veterans, farmers, employees, teachers and families." In the next month Ruff plans to attend as many meetings and events in the district as possible and to construct a website and presence on social media to connect with people and organizations in the district.

In addition to his legislative experience on City Council, Ruff has been a high school teacher, a County government worker, a community organizer, served for a time on Congressman Baron Hill's staff, and currently serves as an academic advisor to undergraduates at IU, in addition to heading up his own country music band, The Dew Daddies.