



# Young Conservatives of Texas

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## **YCT Releases its Next Round of Endorsements for the 2014 Primary**

AUSTIN, TX — In November, Young Conservatives of Texas released a slate of endorsements for state officeholders based on exceptional ratings in the 83rd legislative session. Today, YCT is excited to announce endorsements for several additional conservative champions. These include incumbents Rep. Charles Perry (HD-83) and Hon. Phil Johnson (TX-SCOTUS PI. 8), as well as challengers Stuart Spitzer (HD 4) and Matt Rinaldi (HD 115).

“Rep. Charles Perry and Justice Phil Johnson have been staunch defenders of liberty in their respective branches of government,” said Brandon Waltens, State Board Secretary. “We are proud to endorse them for re-election and vouch that they will do a great job for the people of Texas”

Charles Perry is being challenged by tax-and-spend liberal Steve Messengale for his seat in the Texas House. In his opening debut on a Lubbock Fox News affiliate, Messengale criticized Rep. Perry for refusing to allow for a tax-increase to go through.

“It is hard to believe a candidate thinks he can win a Republican Primary on a platform of higher taxes, but that is exactly what Messengale is trying to do,” continued Waltens. “The people of Lubbock are too smart to be fooled by his big government rhetoric.”

Stuart Spitzer and Matt Rinaldi were both candidates in 2012 and we supported them against the current Representatives that hold their seats. This election cycle, YCT enthusiastically endorses them again against Rep. Lance Gooden and Rep. Bennett Rattliff, respectively.

“YCT has a tradition of being very deliberate when endorsing candidates, endorsing candidates that will work towards important conservative causes once in office,” said YCT State Chairman, Jeff Morris. “We take several factors ranging from voting records to questionnaires and personal interviews into account in order to identify which candidate are the true conservatives.”

“Rep. Bennett Rattliff attempted to draw Matt Rinaldi out of his district to prevent the people of HD 115 from having a conservative voice in the Texas House,” continued Morris. “That type of behavior is unacceptable and very unfitting of a statesman. The people of his district deserve better.”

**Endorsed Candidates:**

Lt. Governor – Sen. Dan Patrick

Attorney General – Sen. Ken Paxton

Comptroller – Sen. Glenn Hegar

Ag. Commissioner – Hon. Sid Miller

Railroad Commissioner – Hon. Wayne Christian

SD 25 – Sen. Donna Campbell

SD 30 – Sen. Craig Estes

HD 6 – Rep. Matt Schaefer

HD 7 – Rep. David Simpson

HD 33 – Rep. Scott Turner

HD 61 – Rep. Phil King

HD 68 – Rep. Drew Springer

HD 89 – Rep. Jodie Laubenberg

HD 91 – Rep. Stephanie Klick

HD 92 – Rep. Jonathan Stickland

HD 93 – Rep. Matt Krause

HD 96 – Rep. Bill Zedler

HD 97 – Rep. Craig Goldman

HD 98 – Rep. Giovanni Capriglione

HD 106 – Rep. Pat Fallon

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