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Rep. Kitchens to Focus on Jobs, Economy and Reform

Local Veterinarian Joel Kitchens Takes the Oath of Office to Represent the 1st Assembly District

Madison...Small business owner and veterinarian Joel Kitchens officially begins his first term in the 102nd Wisconsin State Legislature today. Rep. Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) took the oath of office in a ceremony in the Assembly chambers Monday afternoon. He is committed to improving the business climate to help create better paying and stable jobs and focus on the tax and regulatory burden citizens and businesses across Wisconsin are facing.

"The families, individuals and businesses in my district are my top priority," said Rep. Kitchens. "They sent me to Madison to be their voice on important issues like the economy, education and government reform."

Rep. Kitchens is serving as the Vice-Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. He also is a member of the Agriculture, Energy and Utilities, Financial Institutions, State Affairs and Government Operations and Workforce Development Committees.

"My fifteen years on the school board will provide me with the background needed to make important decisions affecting education," added Rep. Kitchens. "I believe I bring real-life experience to the committees that I will be serving on."

"I am looking forward to beginning my work in the legislature," said Rep. Kitchens. "I hope that my constituents will use my office as a resource and know that I am here to assist them with any issues that may arise."



Joining Rep. Kitchens at the inaugural ceremony was his wife, Sherry, and his children, Rebecca, Caroline and Will.

Rep. Kitchens is one of 63 Assembly Republicans for the 2015-2016 legislative session. It's the largest GOP Assembly majority since 1957.

The representative's office is located at 10 West at Wisconsin State Capitol. He can be reached at (608) 266-5350 or by e-mail at <u>Rep.Kitchens@legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.

Click the following link for a video clip from Rep. Kitchens on his inauguration day: <u>http://media2.legis.state.wi.us/multimedia/ASM01/InaugurationDay.wmv</u>

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The 1st Assembly District includes Door and Kewaunee Counties including the communities of Egg Harbor, Sturgeon Bay, Forestville, Algoma, Luxemburg, and Kewaunee.