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Dr. Mary Kathleen Figaro Announces Candidacy for Senate District 47

BETTENDORF - Today, Dr. Mary Kathleen Figaro of Bettendorf announced her campaign for State Senate in Senate District 47, representing Bettendorf, Eldridge, and Le Claire. Mary Kathleen will run as a Democrat. There is no incumbent State Senator in this district. She released the following statement:

“I feel called to run for State Senate because Iowans need a champion for families and public health. Throughout my career as a physician, I have prioritized being an advocate for patients and families who entrust me with their health. As State Senator, I will give my constituents the same care and attention I give my patients. Iowans deserve better health outcomes: we need more affordable care, more accessible care, and higher quality care. We can make our communities healthier by prioritizing our health - including mental health care - and that’s exactly what I will do in the State Senate.”

Dr. Mary Kathleen Figaro was born in Haiti to small business owners who immigrated to New Jersey, where she attended and learned the importance of great public schools, as well as the values of hard work and civic engagement. She graduated with high honors from Princeton University, then earned a medical degree from Yale University, and a master’s degree in epidemiology and health services research from Cornell University.

“Mary Kathleen is an excellent candidate for State Senate because of her medical background and her passion for health issues, patient’s needs, and rights of Iowans to access affordable care,” said Jody K. Johnston-Mohr, part owner of Mohr Accounting. “Mary Kathleen is smart and does extensive research, and I trust her to listen to both sides of an issue and make an informed decision about how she votes in the Senate. That’s what we need in a State Senator - someone who will listen and respond to the needs of her constituents, not just vote along party lines.”

Mary Kathleen performed research and taught at Vanderbilt University for a decade where she met her husband Alan Rice, and had two wonderful children, Victoria and Jonathan. She and her family relocated to Bettendorf six years ago for the high quality schools and to be closer to the family farm. Here, Mary Kathleen has built her own practice, seeing patients with hormone-related conditions as an endocrinologist.

Mary Kathleen added, “I am fortunate to have achieved the American Dream, and I want every hardworking Iowan to be able to achieve their dreams as well. Every Iowan deserves a supportive family, great public schools, and access to the same economic opportunities that were available to me. We need strong, healthy families and strong, healthy communities. You can count on me to advocate for these values every day as your State Senator.”

To learn more about Mary Kathleen Figaro’s campaign for State Senate, go to her website figaroforiowa.com.