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“Ed Martin for Congress” Announces Record-Breaking \$201,535 Fundraising Quarter

Reports Show Martin Out-Raised Incumbent Russ Carnahan by Nearly \$40,000

(ST. LOUIS, MO.) Oct. 16, 2009 – Congressional Candidate **Ed Martin** raised a record-breaking **\$201,535** in his campaign’s first, full fundraising quarter, far exceeding amounts raised by previous challengers to incumbent Russ Carnahan in a single quarter. According to figures filed by both campaigns Thursday, **Martin out-raised Carnahan by nearly \$40,000**, with the incumbent pulling in just \$163,966 in the same quarter. Martin, who announced his campaign Sept. 30, reported \$191,368 cash on hand.

Nearly **600 individuals** contributed to Martin’s grassroots campaign, which is almost double the number of individuals who have ever contributed to Carnahan's campaigns in a single quarter. “We’re extremely grateful for the record-breaking support we’re receiving from the people of Missouri’s 3rd Congressional District,” said Martin. “This is just the beginning of our challenge to Congressman Carnahan, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and the out-of-control Congress that is jeopardizing our future and the future of our children and grandchildren.”

The announcement of Martin’s fundraising success comes just weeks after he declared his candidacy to a cheering crowd of over 400 supporters outside McArthur’s Bakery in south St. Louis County. The rally, which was hosted by owners and brothers David and Randy McArthur, drew hundreds of first-time political supporters and proved once again that Missouri voters are hungry for a representative who will listen to their concerns and fight for them in Washington.

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“The people of this district are fed up over job losses, crushing debt, giant government, and the reckless spending that Russ Carnahan is rubberstamping for Nancy Pelosi,” said Martin. “Missourians are supporting our campaign because they want someone who will stand up for them in Washington. Their contributions are sending a message to Congress and Congressman Carnahan that enough is enough.”

Martin formed an exploratory committee in July after people from across the district encouraged him to run against Carnahan. **Dave McArthur was one of the first to ask Ed to run after Carnahan voted for the controversial “Cap-and-Trade” national energy tax, which McArthur has publicly stated would force his and other Missouri businesses to shut down.** After trying and failing to get in touch with Carnahan to discuss the bill this summer, McArthur posted a message on his store’s electronic marquee stating, “Russ Carnahan voted to close us and other small businesses.” The sign has received national attention.

Since then, Martin has met with hundreds of voters in homes, coffee shops, church basements, and small businesses throughout the 3rd District, which covers south St. Louis, parts of west and south St. Louis County, and all of Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve counties. The sessions, known as “Ask Ed Anything” gatherings, have given Martin a clear view of what voters want and don’t want from their leaders in Washington, D.C.

For more information about Martin’s background and the campaign, visit **EdMartinforCongress.com**, or follow him on **Facebook** and **Twitter @ed4congress**.

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