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DUKE COLLEGE REPUBLICANS ENDORSE LAWSON FOR HOUSE GOP PRIMARY Group Extols Candidate's Reform Message, Commitment to Fiscal Responsibility

Duke College Republicans officially endorsed William "BJ" Lawson's candidacy for the Republican nomination for North Carolina's fourth Congressional District Monday afternoon, in advance of the upcoming May 6 statewide primary.

Lawson's emphasis on fiscal responsibility in Washington, which Lawson highlighted as the most fundamental difference between himself and Representative Price, greatly impressed the group. Given his experience starting and leading his own business impressed, Lawson impressed DCR with his understanding of principles of fiscal responsibility.

"Young voters are concerned about out-of-control government spending, and Duke College Republicans believe that BJ Lawson can help bring fiscal restraint back to Washington," said **Samuel Tasher**, executive director of DCR and chair of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans. "Lawson has real world experience that enables him to represent the economic concerns of voters in the fourth district."

The group was also impressed with Lawson's attentiveness to the concerns of youth.

"BJ Lawson really understands that young voters are concerned about our economic future," said **Vikram Srinivasan, chair of DCR**. "To ensure that we face a healthy economy when we enter the job market, Washington needs some serious policy reform. BJ Lawson is the man to lead that effort."

Yet other members were impressed with Lawson's grassroots campaign and his efforts to meet with voters in personal settings.

"He just seems to be much more in touch with the constituents in this district than either Rep. Price or other recent Republican candidates," said **Jon Martin**, executive board member for Duke College Republicans. "Even though many of our members don't agree with every part of Lawson's platform, in this district, that's a real strength. Lawson's ability to appeal to all voters in the fourth district makes him a strong general election candidate."

DCR looks forward to Lawson's victory in the May 6 primary and a strong campaign based on the concerns of district four voters against the dysfunctional representation provided by the incumbent Rep. Price.

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