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Anne Marie Miles Enters Race for Democratic Nomination in 25th House District of Illinois

South Shore, Chicago, IL -- South Shore resident and community activist Anne Marie Miles will run in the Democratic primary to be State Representative from Illinois's 25th House District. Miles pledges to be an independent voice for her South Side constituents in Springfield.

Miles's professional and community activities center around protecting the interests of those who have no other representation, and she will carry on in this mission at State Representative. As an internationally known elder lawyer, Miles advocates for the rights of the elderly and incapacitated while working to improve their conditions. Prior to running for public office in 2011, Miles saw the need to assist people who have criminal convictions with getting a second chance, so she volunteered with Cabrini Green Legal Aid to assist with sealing and expungements of criminal records and worked with members of the Union League Club to raise public awareness of the issues. Miles is a devoted wife and mother, with her three adult children having gone to school in Hyde Park and Woodlawn. She now lives in South Shore, where she is on the board of the South Shore Opera Company of Chicago

In the legislature, Miles will fight to reform an unfair criminal justice system, and will confront the state's financial challenges in an equitable and responsible manner. Miles knows that too many Chicagoans, primarily people of color from low-income communities, are denied opportunities throughout their lives because of minor interactions with the court system. She will push to decriminalize acts that are now punished unnecessarily, and to reduce penalties that are needlessly harsh. To advance opportunity for her constituents, Miles will also ensure that the state has a budget that funds critical social service organizations. Miles understands that the best way to avoid future shutdowns is by taking responsibility and bringing all sides together to reach consensus on equitable solutions to the coming pension crises.

The 25th House District includes the neighborhoods of South Chicago, South Shore, Kenwood, East Side, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn. This seat is currently held by Democratic Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, who announced last week that she would not seek another term.

Primary election day is Tuesday March 20, 2018. You can learn more about Anne Marie Miles and his campaign by visiting www.annemariemiles.com

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