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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES JON HUSTED FOR OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

COLUMBUS, OH – Feb. 25, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Jon Husted for Ohio Secretary of State. The announcement was made by Col. Thomas Moe, honorary chair and founding member of Ohio Veterans United.

“Serving the United States in the Armed Forces is one of the noblest of sacrifices young men and women can make for our country,” says Husted. “All of those serving in the military leave behind family and friends to wear the uniform of our nation and defend us, and although we can never fully express our gratitude for their actions, it is important to take time to recognize the hard work and dedication of all our veterans.”

“Senator Husted has a strong record of supporting Ohio’s veterans and honoring their service to our country,” said Moe. “He supported the creation of Ohio Department of Veterans Services with the goal of helping Ohio do a better job connecting veterans with disability benefits, pension payments and other resources that are available to better serve veterans.

“He was instrumental in getting approved a comprehensive veterans package designed to ease the financial burden on Ohio’s servicemen and women and their families. He has been a supporter of Ohio’s National Guard Scholarship Program and the War Orphans Scholarship. In addition, with your support and leadership the Gold Star Family license plates are now available to Ohio families to honor our Fallen Warriors. Because of your long standing support of our military and veterans, Ohio Veterans United looks forward to supporting Jon Husted’s candidacy for Ohio Secretary of State.”

Making the announcement was Col. Moe, a retired United States Air Force pilot who fought in Vietnam and spent five years in captivity as a POW. Some of that time was spent at the Hanoi Hilton, where Col. Moe got to know U.S. Senator John McCain. In 2008, Col. Moe campaigned for Sen. McCain during his run for U.S. President.

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“Our mission is to educate citizens on the need to maintain a strong military and to help elect qualified veterans and like-minded non-veterans to office,” says Harry Prestanski, vice chair of Ohio Veterans United. “We are strong advocates of legislation that fully supports our troops, military families and Veterans and we work to ensure that every military absentee ballot is counted in every election. And we thank Senator Husted for introducing a resolution to reduce barriers in election laws that negatively impact the ability of our active military serving overseas to register and to cast a ballot, a resolution wholly supported by Ohio Veterans United.”

Ohio Veterans United is a voluntary unincorporated, non-profit organization, which is registered as a Political Action Committee with the state of Ohio Election Law Enforcement Commission. It is operated as a federal non-connected, multi-candidate political committee, as defined by the publication "Campaign Guide for Non-connected Committees" of the Federal Election Commission.

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