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History tells the story of lawmaker candidates

When deciding which candidates to endorse in Tuesday's primaries for Glynn County's state House of Representatives districts, The News took a number of qualities into account.

In these times of uncertainty, the future is not for inexperienced or unsteady hands.

Nor is it for someone of questionable character or ethics.

There's enough of that at the state Capitol already.

When sorting out the proven from the unproven, we looked at past accomplishments.

They tell voters everything they need to know about a candidate, especially whether he or she is steadfast in the achievement of goals.

The past also tells voters a lot about an individual's principles and integrity.

Facts about their lives, their concern about the future and their go-get 'em attitude toward the obstacles facing Georgia today led us to endorse these candidates:

* For House 167, incumbent Republican Rep. Roger Lane

To anyone who knows Roger Lane, this is a no-brainer. He is a principled, hard-working and accessible individual both in his private and public life.

Without exaggeration, he is a model representative in every aspect.

Rep. Lane has been - no offense intended - the work mule for his district, which includes McIntosh County and a part of Glynn County. He is the man who gets it done in Atlanta for the counties he speaks for in the legislature.

To date, he has not let his district down. That includes arguing for and pleading successfully for a fifth judge for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

He has been, and still is, a passionate supporter of stronger ethics laws, something our state clearly needs right now.

Lane supported ethics reform even when the now-resigned Speaker of the House didn't - further demonstration that he is an independent thinker who is willing to buck the party line on issues of character.

* For House District 179, **Republican Shaw McVeigh**

Shaw McVeigh has a lot in common with Roger Lane. Like Lane, he is an achiever, of solid character and accessible to the public.

"In this race, I'm not afraid to stand on my record," McVeigh says.

He shouldn't be. Give McVeigh a problem or a task and get out of his way. He'll get it done, and in the least amount of time and with the least cost to taxpayers. He showed that time and again when serving on the Glynn County Commission.

His belief: government serves the people, not the other way around. And rest assured, this Certified Public Account knows the difference between wishful thinking and a healthy bottom line - an important attribute given the state of Georgia's budget today.

His ethics, a Boy Scout leader for decades in this county, are impeccable and having served in the General Assembly before, certainly knows his way around Atlanta.