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EMILY's List Endorses MJ Hegar for Congress in TX-31

Round Rock, TX – Today EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, endorsed MJ Hegar for Congress in Texas' 31st Congressional District.

“MJ Hegar has fought for our country, fought for women, and now is running to fight for Texans in Congress. As an Air Force veteran who served three tours in Afghanistan, MJ received a Purple Heart after her helicopter was shot down. Unable to fly due to serious injuries, MJ realized that her options for a ground combat job were limited because she is a woman. She spent several years fighting to change the rules, and was ultimately successful in convincing the Department of Defense to overturn its discriminatory gender policy. Now, she's ready to bring that determination and commitment with her to change Congress.

MJ is running against incumbent Congressman John Carter, a Tea Party extremist who hasn't faced a tough re-election fight in years. MJ's candidacy changes that. Voters in the 31st District finally have the opportunity to elect a representative who will fight for their interests, not special interests. Let's show this military hero and champion for change the full support of the EMILY's List community and do everything we can to help her flip this seat.” **said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List**

“I am proud to have the endorsement of EMILY's List because they know how critical it is that we elect more women to Congress so that our government is more representative and responsive. I fought to open jobs for women in the military, and there is more work to be done. Now is the time to come together to win in November and give Texans the present and available representation we deserve and have been sorely missing.” **said MJ Hegar.**

About MJ Hegar

MJ Hegar served on the frontlines as a pilot in the Air Force - and in 2009 her helicopter was shot down by enemy fire and, despite being wounded, she helped save the lives of her crew. For her actions, MJ earned a Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor. After her service in Afghanistan, she came home to Texas and worked with the Pentagon and women's

advocacy groups to end the ban on women serving in combat roles - making our military and country stronger. Now MJ is running for Congress to bring much needed change to Washington and continue fighting to protect Texas families.