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Rep. Paul Ray to Resign from Utah House of Representatives

SALT LAKE CITY – After 20 years of service in the Utah House of Representatives, Representative Paul Ray (House District 13) will resign from the Utah House of Representatives to accept a position as the Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs for the Utah Department of Health and Human Services.

Rep. Ray has been a valuable and prominent member of the Legislature since taking office in 2001. He currently chairs the Social Services Appropriations Committee, Veteran and Military Affairs Commission, the Criminal Code Revision Task Force, and recently chaired the Utah Legislative Redistricting Committee. Rep. Ray has been instrumental in bending the healthcare cost curve in Utah, striving to achieve quality and effective healthcare within the state, and providing underprivileged Utahns with essential materials and resources. He has served dutifully in his role as representative and been a stalwart member of the body.

“The legislature will feel the absence of Representative Ray,” said Speaker Brad Wilson. “He has been a pillar of the House of Representatives and a hard-working and dedicated member of our community. He has mentored his colleagues, led out on some of the most difficult issues facing the state, and kept the body on track as our resident Parliamentarian. I wish him the best and know he will work incredibly hard for the citizens of the State of Utah in this new capacity.”

“I will cherish the past 20 years I spent in the Legislature,” said Rep. Paul Ray. “My colleagues in the House are family to me and I am proud of the things we’ve accomplished as a body for the benefit of the state. While I will miss serving in the Legislature, I am thrilled at the opportunity to take on this new role in the Department of Health and Human Services. I am passionate about providing effective healthcare and resources for the people of the state and look forward to continuing to do that in my new position.”

Rep. Ray’s resignation will take effect on December 15th. The Davis County Republican Party will hold a special election to fill House District 13’s vacancy later this year.

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