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Rep. Craven will seek reelection in House District 32; supporting Peter Neronha for Attorney General

After considering a bid for attorney general, Rep. Robert E. Craven has decided he will seek reelection to the R.I. House of Representatives in 2018. Craven is also fully supporting the candidacy of former U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha for attorney general.

“As a result of my recent meetings with Peter, I am convinced that he will perform the job as I would have done had I run and been successful,” said Craven. “Peter is an extremely qualified individual and we agree on the same collective initiatives and goals for the office, such as taking a hard line on public corruption.”

Craven was an assistant attorney general from 1983 to 1992, which included serving as chief of the office’s public corruption unit.

“My decision to seek re-election to the House allows me to continue my work on recently enacted issues such as the package of bills resulting from the work of the Justice Reinvestment Commission and the new domestic violence gun law,” said Craven.

As a commission member, he was the House sponsor of several bills recently signed into law to improve the criminal justice system by promoting rehabilitation and reforming sentencing, probation and parole laws.

“Although I know that Rep. Craven would have been a tremendous attorney general, I am so pleased that he is committed to seeking another term in the House, where he has made such a difference in improving the quality of life for Rhode Islanders,” said House Speaker Nicholas A. Mattiello. “He is one of the hard-working and most articulate members in our chamber, with a tremendous intellect and knowledge of the issues.”

A Democrat, Craven has served the constituents of House District 32 in North Kingstown since January 2013. He is the chairman of the House Labor Committee and a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

“It has been a true honor and privilege to serve my neighbors for the past five years and there is much unfinished work to accomplish and new issues to tackle,” he said.

Craven will introduce legislation in January to ban the sale and possession of “bump-stocks” on semi-automatic weapons, as was used in the deadly shootings in Las Vegas.

In addition to the criminal justice reform package, Craven previously ushered the Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act into law, and he sponsored legislation that makes public officials, as well as candidates for office, maintain separate and exclusive campaign accounts. He also sponsored a bill that helped to secure a \$6 million federal grant for repair work of the piers at Quonset Point.

Craven is an attorney at Robert E. Craven & Associates in North Kingstown. He is an assistant solicitor and probate judge in Charlestown and an assistant solicitor in East Providence.

He is a graduate of La Salle Academy, the University of Rhode Island and the New England School of Law in Boston. Craven and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two sons, Robert and Joseph.