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**Antone Melton-Meaux Announces Campaign As Democratic Candidate
For Congress in Minnesota's Fifth District**

Minneapolis, Minn. – Antone Melton-Meaux, a Minneapolis attorney and civic leader, today announced his candidacy as a Democrat for the United States House of Representatives in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District.

"I was lucky to grow up in the middle class," said Antone Melton-Meaux. "My parents both worked hard to provide for my sisters and me. My dad was an engineer and my mom worked to find affordable homes for those in need. They taught me the values of community, faith, and hard work – and to create the kinds of opportunities I had, for others."

Antone's life has been dedicated to public service and a strong commitment to community. He owns a small business--a mediation practice--which helps people come together and find solutions when they can't find common ground on their own. He serves as a volunteer minister at Salem English Lutheran Church and has served on the boards of the Guthrie Theater, Page Education Foundation, College Possible and the Conflict Resolution Center. Antone was an All-American track star and Academic All-American at Washington University in St. Louis. He served on the board of the Journal of Social Policy and the Law at the University of Virginia Law School, where he was also the recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus Fellowship.

"Throughout my life, I have always answered the call to serve others. Whether representing youth living in foster care, providing free legal services to federal inmates seeking constitutional protections, or advocating for people who had been denied fair housing, I have always lived my values through action."

Antone and his wife, Dr. Genevieve Melton-Meaux, were college sweethearts and have been married for 19 years. They live with their two school-aged children in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis.

“I am so grateful to wake up every morning right here in Minnesota - my wife and I are raising our children in Minneapolis and we love this community. But we also see the challenges ahead. I want to work to create for our District the kinds of opportunities I’ve been so fortunate to enjoy throughout my life. Most importantly, as your next congressperson, I am and always will be focused on the Fifth.”

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