

Ted Cruz Gets This Governor's Endorsement

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry is the longest-serving governor in his home state's history, and under his leadership, the Lone Star State became a haven for job creation, freedom, entrepreneurship and limitless opportunity.

He says he believes that can be passed along to the rest of the country if Americans vote for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) for president. He made his endorsement Monday morning in a video released by the Cruz campaign.

"2016 is a critical election, and I'm here to stress to you how important it is for conservatives to rally together and support a consistent conservative candidate who will take on Washington and who can defeat the Democrat nominee."

"That is why I support Ted Cruz for president. As an Air Force veteran, I understand the sacrifices that our men and women in the military make every day to keep us safe. They deserve a commander in chief who values their service, who will keep our military strong, and who will always put America's national security interests first. He has proven that he is ready to serve as commander in chief on day one."

"He has also proven the willingness to take on the Washington Cartel and restore power and opportunity back to the people. He has proven that he will do what is necessary to secure our borders, to defeat radical Islamic terrorism, and to ensure our brave veterans receive the care they have earned. Ted is the leader that we need to reignite the promise of America."

Perry, who was governor when Cruz was appointed Texas solicitor general, was considered one of the front-runners for the GOP presidential nomination in the early stages of the race. His campaign failed to generate the financial support it

needed and ended abruptly last summer.

"Gov. Rick Perry is a friend and a remarkable public servant," said Cruz. "He is a proud veteran who bravely served our nation, and he was an extraordinary governor of Texas. It was an honor to serve under him during my time as Texas' solicitor general. I am thrilled to have Rick join our campaign. With his principled leadership, we will coalesce conservatives behind this campaign to win the White House in 2016."