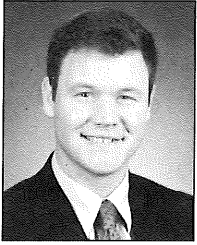


Looking to give the state a fresh start

Wardlow seeks fiscal stability, better jobs climate in Minnesota

By Mike Cook

For the second time in three years, a person with the surname Wardlow represents a southern suburb.



Rep. Doug Wardlow

Rep. Doug Wardlow (R-Eagan) now occupies the seat that his father, Lynn, held from 2003-2008.

“The most important thing I learned from him is the importance of being humble and, in particular, with regards to the Legislature, remembering who you serve,” said Wardlow, who was raised in the city.

Having the seat revert back to a familiar name is not the only difference the new representative would like to see.

“What got me interested in running was a sense that things really need to change for the better in our nation and in our state in

terms of restoring fiscal responsibility, in terms of unleashing the power of Americans and ingenuity in our state, returning to the firm belief and founding principle that free enterprise creates productivity and drives job growth and is at the heart of the promise of America and Minnesota. We’ve strayed from those principles.”

Wardlow emphasized that entrepreneurship and free enterprise are the overriding things needed to foster and promote private sector job creation to help the state’s economic rebound.

But can things be done when the state faces a projected \$6.2 billion budget deficit?

“We need to balance the budget without raising any taxes. We need to return fiscal responsibility to this state. That’s one piece of it,” he said. “We need to make it easier for people to move businesses to Minnesota, for businesses to expand in Minnesota, for job creators to grow here, to originate here. We need to encourage and remove hindrances

DISTRICT 38B

Population (2009 est.): 38,014

Largest City: Eagan

County: Dakota

Top Concern: Returning fiscal responsibility to the state

and burdens and obstacles for people with great ideas that can come up with new kinds of work.”

A litigation attorney by trade, Wardlow serves on the House Civil Law Committee, House Judiciary Policy and Finance Committee, House Taxes Committee and the House Property and Local Tax Division.

“I’m very pleased with that,” he said. “They’re good committees where I’ll be able to do some good work for the people of Eagan District 38B and the state.”