Democrats that Want To Win! ...

n the 5th Congressional District have an important choice to make in April 2006: nominate Bern Ewert as the Democratic Candidate to challenge the Republican, Virgil Goode, or gamble away this golden opportunity to beat Goode with a fifth run for public office by Al Weed.

Bern Ewert has a long and stellar career as a public servant. He is known around this state as a person that turns ideas into reality. He is known for the thousands of jobs he created in Roanoke and Prince William County. He is known for his work, along with Mitch Van Yahres, Rev. Noel Taylor, and Charles Barbour, in breaking down barriers, diversifying the work force, and creating a sense of hope and possibilities for all Virginians.

The campaign against Virgil Goode is going to rest in the hands of Southside voters. Bern Ewert is know in Southside because of his record of removing racial barriers, revitalizing the downtown area, and adding *thousands* of jobs to the economy of Southside's big city neighbor, Roanoke. These accomplishments are exactly what the depressed Southside economy needs and it's what Southside resident's want in a Congressman. That's why former and current union shop stewards and organizers are working to elect Bern Ewert to congress. It's why Bern Ewert can beat Virgil Goode in Southside.

Al Weed cannot win in the 5th Congressional District, because he can't win in Southside. He doesn't have a record that people can look to, and he has lost too many political campaigns to make people comfortable with his ability to win. After four attempts, dating from his run for County Supervisor in 1975, his 1995 loss to Emily Couric for State Senate, his 2001 loss to Creigh Deeds for State Senate, and finally, his poor showing against Virgil Goode in 2004, it is clear: Al Weed Cannot Win in the 5th.

This is not meant to be personal. We understand that there is a lot of emotional support for Al as a cherished member of this community and the Democratic Party. But after FOUR LOSSES in and around this District, Democrats must not gamble with a fifth Weed candidacy.

Bern has the record to win, he has the accomplishments to win -- Bern Ewert has the heart to be a Congressman that cares.

There are two ways to help Bern Ewert become the Democratic candidate to challenge Goode:

- 1) enclosed, is a Ewert Delegate Declaration Form. Please file it with the county/city chairpersons indicated on the form. The Delegate Declaration must be filed by 5:00 pm on the day indicated on the form, or;
- 2) simply show up at the caucus on April 17, 22, 24 or 29 to vote for Ewert Delegates.

Support Bern Ewert because together

We Can Win!