

Candidate for Governor

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Question #1: List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 words total)

I am a Vietnam veteran; a husband of 43 years to my wife, Linda; a father to Mary and Robert, and a grandfather to Andrew and Catherine. I previously served as a teacher, a legislator and as District Attorney in Muskogee County. I believe I have an unparalleled record of identifying problems and meeting them, head-on, with innovative, long-term solutions. When I learned that Oklahoma ranked 50th in available technology in our classrooms, I created the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust, which has put computers and software in the classrooms of 55,000 students. Today, we rank 12th. I also helped create

Question #2: What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 words or less)

Job One for me as Governor will be creating good-paying jobs and growing our state's economy. That's the only way we are going to be able to make the improvements we need to make in education, health care, mental health care and corrections. We have to take a comprehensive, long-term approach to improving our economy. We have to address the needs of our rural and urban communities, agriculture, health care, Native American relations, energy, education, aerospace and small businesses across the state. We should protect and support the companies we have, and we should work to attract new businesses and industries to create jobs and build revenue. I am the only candidate with a written economic plan that addresses those issues. My plan can be found at www.edmondson2010.com. Taking a comprehensive approach to economic development will help us build a better Oklahoma for this generation, and the next. I am committed to that goal.