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### Senate Judiciary Committee Endorses Gary Blankinship to Serve as United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas

NAPO is pleased to report that the Senate Judiciary Committee has endorsed the nomination of Gary Blankinship to serve as United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas. Mr. Blankinship, a former TOP COP® winner and Vice President of NAPO, has spent his career risking his own life to serve and protect the citizens of Texas.

Gary Blankinship has served in law enforcement for over 35 years. Mr. Blankinship was employed by the Houston Police Department from 1982-2012, where he worked his way through the ranks to the position of Senior Police Officer. Prior to his service with the Houston Police Department, Mr. Blankinship was employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Department. He also founded the Assist the Officer Foundation following the death of his partner to provide short-term, immediate financial assistance for officers critically injured or disabled in the line of duty.

When Mr. Blankinship's nomination was first announced in May 2013, President Obama noted: "Throughout his distinguished career, Gary Blankinship has served his country with great courage and commitment...It is my honor to nominate him to continue protecting the American people as a United States Marshal."

We are very excited about the Senate Judiciary Committee's decision, and hope you will join us in congratulating Mr. Blankinship!

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