

HEALEY ANNOUNCES FOR LT. GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND

Sitting on a sandy beach in Punta del Este, Uruguay, Robert J. Healey, Jr. announced that he will make a second run for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

“Today, I announce my less than ambitious plan for running for the office of Lieutenant Governor. I have chosen this location because I think that it demonstrates that no matter where you are in the world, and no matter what you are doing, you can also be serving as Rhode Island’s Lieutenant Governor at the same time.

“Waiting for the demise of the Governor can be accomplished just about anywhere, any time, and by just about anyone with a pulse. I probably would do it here on the beach.

“I have no plans for the office of Lt. Governor, and, in fact, will not maintain a staff nor take a pay for my service. I could not justify such a boondoggle being hoisted upon the hard working taxpayers of Rhode Island. If I wish to advance my political career, I will do it without using a taxpayer subsidized soapbox.

“Quite frankly, I find the idea of being the Lt. Governor repugnant. I wish to get elected to abolish the office or to serve as the impetus for changing its constitutional role.

“I don’t want the money and I really don’t need a job. Rhode Island doesn’t need this job but really does need the money. If only the people of Rhode Island could get out of their narrow minded political shell and vote outside the party line, they could actually save a million dollars a year and make constructive changes in Rhode Island. But no, can’t upset the donkey. No, can’t get the elephant mad.

“I have decided that I have tried the route of reason with the people of Rhode Island in past elections only to make minimal inroads with limited success. Today, I announce that I will run a campaign based on the absurd. If I must, I will gallantly fight absurdity with absurdity.

“This campaign will not take itself seriously. It can’t. The office doesn’t deserve it. It will be treated with the requisite level of disrespect the office deserves.

“In the past, during prior statewide campaigns, I have written extensive platform documents. I have presented my credentials of being a former educator and active attorney and businessman. I have spoken and written on education, health care, and economic development. I have maintained a solid, unwavering platform that has not changed in twenty years. The song remains the same. Read today, the platform still serves as a viable political plan for Rhode Island government. If ever the need arose to govern, I stand capable of honorably serving the people of Rhode Island. Until then, when serving as a Lt. Governor, one surely cannot take one’s self seriously.

“I honestly believe that the people know that I am fully capable of governing, should the need ever arise. In the meantime, I am offering them a rare opportunity to hire me as their no-cost Lt. Governor.

“I hear arguments that having a Lt. Governor is important, but for the life of me, I can’t understand how if the only constitutional role is the wait for the death or incapacity of the Governor. Historically, the Governor and the Lt. Governor aren’t from the same party. How does that promote continuation of policy? Put briefly, all this talk about the role for Number 2 is just talk about Number 2.

“I have tried in the past to reason away the office. This campaign I will try to abolish it through ridicule. Now, get out of the way so I can get some sun.

FACT SHEET

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EDUCATION

Rhode Island College – B.A. English/Secondary Education – Awarded 1979

Southern Oregon State College – English Program Coursework – 1979

Boston University – Ed.M Reading Education/English – Awarded 1980

Santa Clara Law at Tokyo University – International Trade/Japanese Law – 1981

New England School of Law – J.D. – Awarded 1983

Suffolk University – Courses in Comparative Law

University of Rhode Island – Courses in English and Science

Northeastern University – M.A. English Literature – Awarded 1985

Columbia University – Ph.D candidate (coursework completed)

WORK HISTORY

F. Martinelli Painting, Warren, RI – 1975-76 – House painter

Adams Library, Providence, RI -1977-79 – Library staff

Trillium School, Jacksonville, OR – 1979 – Teaching staff

Boston Public Schools, Boston, MA – 1980 – Daily Substitute Teacher

Warren Public Schools, Warren, RI - 1980-81 – Long Term Substitute Teacher

Northeastern University, Boston, MA – 1981-82 and 1983-84 – Teaching staff

New England School of Law Library, Boston, MA – 1982-83 – Library staff

Robert J. Healey, Jr. – Attorney at Law, Warren, RI - 1984 to present - Attorney

Global Horizon, Inc., Warren, RI – 1995-2003 – Liquor wholesaler

Zultan International, Ltd., Barrington, RI – 2003 to present – Businessman

ELECTORAL HISTORY

Chairman of the Warren School Committee – 1982-86

Candidate for Governor of Rhode Island – 1986

Candidate for Governor of Rhode Island – 1994

Chairman of the Cool Moose Party – 1995-99

Candidate of Cool Moose Nomination in Representative District - 1996

Candidate for Governor of Rhode Island – 1998

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island – 2004