

## GRUENES, DAVE B. INTERVIEW

Dave Gruenes ( 1958 - ), Independent Republican, is the state representative for District 17B. Dave was elected in 1980.

Representative Dave Gruenes gave his family background. He described his education. He told of his parents' political activities which he believed were important in his deciding to enter politics when he did. He discussed his decision to run and talked extensively about the campaign for the 17B legislative seat.

INTERVIEWER: Calvin Gower.

DATE: December 18, 1980.

SUBJECTS COVERED: Tape 1 Part 1.

008 FAMILY BACKGROUND:

- 013 - Born January 6, 1958, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 017 - Father's ancestry from Germany.
- 025 - Mother's ancestry from Austria.
- 031 - Family resided in Eden valley area.
- 036 - Moved to Minneapolis.
- 038 - Moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota in 1959
- 040 - Moved to Watkins, Minnesota in 1962
- 060 - Moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota in 1969
- 065 - Father works in Plaza Park Bank, Waite Park, Minnesota.

066 EDUCATION:

- 067 - St. Anthony's Grade School, Watkins, Minnesota.
- 069 - St. Peter's Grade School, St. Cloud, Minnesota.
- 070 - Graduated from Cathedral High School, St. Cloud , Minnesota 1976.
- 071 - Graduated from St. John's University, 1980 with a degree in Elementary Education, Minor in Business Administration.

075 POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

- 078 - Father was politically active and was past Stearns County Republican Chairman.
- 089 - Mother became politically active as Dave entered politics.
- 096 - Parents had a positive attitude about political office and this was passed on to their children.
- 111 - Dave Gruenes worked on several campaign's and was President of Students Minnesota Education Association at St. John's University for 3 years.
- 117 - Family was always Republican based on tradition and the philosophies of the Republican party.

165 CAMPAIGN 1980:

- 165 - Decided to run in November, 1979. The Incumbent was Jim Pehler, Jack Kleinbaum was retiring and Jim Pehler was running for the Kleinbaum seat.
- 188 - Community meeting with neighbors to discuss Gruenes decision to run, question and answer period.

- 201 - Feruary 6, 1980, announced his candidacy at caucus.
- 208 - March 6, 1980, announced his candidacy officially.
- 210 - March 26, 1980, received endorsement for the Republican party.
- 280 - Endorsement process.
- 288 - Active campaigning for seat, attended campaign school.
- 327 - Campaign strategy, Tom Raeker campaign manager, campaign plan.
- 390 - District 17B.
- 540 - Problems of campaigning, age factor.

SUBJECTS COVERED: Tape 1 Part 2

- 004 - Dave Gruenes door knocking campaign.
- 006 - Dave Gruenes image.
- 073 - Seniority system in Legislature.

085 ISSUES IN CAMPAIGN 1980

- 107 - Taxes
- 153 - Moral Majority

200 STAND IN REGARD TO THE OPPONENT:

- 221 - Business issues.
- 230 - Taxes.
- 273 - Literature.
- 300 - Contrasting views.
- 350 - Phone banks.
- 400 - Legislature, beginning of the session.
- 421 - Committees - Education.
  - Health and Welfare.
  - Local and Urban Affairs.

458 SUCCESS OF CAMPAIGN