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PATTERSON TO SEEK GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEAT

MAY 16, 1968 -- Former Atlanta newsman and well known DeKalb civic leader Ken Patterson today announced his qualification as a Democratic candidate for the Georgia General Assembly.

Patterson, now director of audio-visual services for Mead Packaging, will seek Post 1 in the 75th Assembly District.

Patterson said his decision to run was prompted by his desire that DeKalb County and Georgia face squarely the problems of growth. He said his three young children are "the three best reasons I know for trying to make our area a better place in which to live and grow."

"Our county and, especially, the section I seek to represent, has major problems stemming from its own growth and the growth of adjacent areas," Patterson said. "The time has come when we must have representatives in the General Assembly committed to cooperation -- with one another, with officials of county government and the school system, and with the chamber of commerce and civic associations. Only with that commitment and a dedication to action

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and willingness to work can we move forward in the provision of quality education, better jobs through industrial expansion, adequate highways, and abundant recreational areas which our county must have. In announcing my candidacy I make that commitment and dedicate myself to making DeKalb a 'County on the Grow.' "

Patterson, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, holds a degree in economics from Georgia State College, and for twelve years served as an award-winning photographer for Atlanta area newspapers. He is a past president of the Atlanta Press Photographers Association and member of Sigma Delta Chi journalistic fraternity.

He is married to the former Marlene Brantley, daughter of Reverend L. T. Brantley of Jackson, Mississippi. They have three children, Susan Taylor, 13; Janet Kimberly, 10; and Kenneth Gregory, 4.

Mrs. Patterson, a DeKalb County school teacher for a dozen years, was cited in 1966 as one of the county's "Outstanding Young Women," and her classroom work has won her the Teacher's Medal given annually by the Freedoms Foundation.

The Pattersons reside at 3377 Charlemagne Drive in DeKalb County.

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ELECT KEN PATTERSON - HOUSE POST #1, 75TH DISTRICT

WHY RUN FOR OFFICE? "I'm asking my South DeKalb neighbors to give me their votes and support because I think we all need strong and vigorous representation to keep DeKalb a County on the Grow -- a good place to live and work. I have three youngsters growing up in our county and I want them to have good schools, safe roads, strong law enforcement, abundant recreational areas, and the ability to find jobs right here in the county when they reach working age. As Representative I think I can help assure these things, and more, for DeKalb and for Georgia."

BIOGRAPHY

Kenneth L. (Ken) Patterson is the Democratic Candidate for Post #1, 75th District, Georgia House of Representatives. He is a long-time resident of that South DeKalb County district and well known in both Democratic Party circles and community affairs in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Patterson is director of audio-visual services for Mead Packaging and as a member of that firm's Communications Department active in its community affairs and governmental relations programs. He is Democratic Party Chairman for South DeKalb, and a former secretary of that organization.

Patterson was born December 8, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, son of I. T. and Edna Mae Hudson Patterson, who now reside in Jackson, Mississippi.

Patterson was educated in elementary and high schools in Mississippi. In 1946, he was graduated from Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, Mississippi, with a Normal Diploma. He then attended Millsaps College, in Jackson, working towards a degree in political science prior to his military recall in 1951. He was graduated from Georgia State College, in Atlanta, in 1957, with a bachelor of business administration degree in economics.

His military career includes service with the U. S. Army of occupation in Italy as a corporal (1946-47) and as a writer-

photographer with the U. S. Army's "Stars and Stripes" newspaper in the Pacific (Japan and Korea) from 1951 through 1953.

Prior to his military service, Ken Patterson was a staff photographer with the Jackson Daily News and the Clarion Ledger in Jackson. He joined Atlanta Newspapers, Inc. in 1953 as a staff photographer, a position he held until 1959. He joined the sales organization of Ivan Allen Company office supplies, in Atlanta, at that time, but returned to the Atlanta newspaper group the following year as a member of its advertising sales organization. He resumed his former position as a staff photographer with the newspaper firm in 1961, where he remained until joining Mead in October 1966.

He has worked with the Georgia Department of Industry and Trade, Tourist Division, Decatur-DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Womens Chamber of Commerce and the Rockdale County Chamber of Commerce, pictorially promoting this area to attract tourists and industry. In 1967, he was photographer for the Atlanta United Appeal.

In addition, he is a member of the Board of Governors and past president of Atlanta Press Photographers Association, a member of Sigma Delta Chi national journalism fraternity and the Mead Management Club.

He is a member of the Toney School PTA, the American Legion, a five-year sponsor of the Glenwood Little League and a member of the official board of the Belvedere Methodist Church.

Mr. Patterson is married to the former Miss Marlene Brantley, of Jackson. They have three children: Susan Taylor, 13; Janet Kimberly, 10; and Kenneth Gregory, 4.

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