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Mauro Files for Secretary of State Run

(Des Moines, IA) – Polk County Auditor Michael Mauro made formal his intentions to run for Iowa Secretary of State at a fundraising rally featuring Governor Tom Vilsack this evening.

“For over two decades, I have administered elections in Iowa’s largest county,” said Mauro. “I want to take my experience, passion, and vision to the Secretary of State’s office.”

“Michael Mauro has the experience and the know-how to be an excellent Secretary of State,” said Governor Tom Vilsack. “He is an energetic and honest public servant who will work tirelessly to make sure every Iowan’s vote counts.”

As Commissioner of Elections, Mauro has worked to make the voting process easier for eligible voters and less costly for taxpayers by securing state of the art voting machines. Continuing his commitments to voter participation and technology, Mauro was one of the first election officers in the nation to use the Internet to promote voter registration and absentee ballot requests.

At the national level, Michael was designated as a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator, (CERA) in 2003, the highest professional achievement in the election administrator field.

In addition to his experience as Auditor, Mauro has been a small business owner. “I have a firsthand understanding of the difficulties small businesses face,” said Mauro. “Too often, bureaucratic red tape gets in the way of commonsense. As Secretary of State, I will work to cut through the red tape and make the office more user-friendly.”

As a former high school government teacher, coach, and referee, Mauro has shown commitment to Iowa’s youth. Mauro visits high schools and makes voting equipment and staff available for area high school elections for student council and prom.