

# Kinzer works hard for Olathe

**H**e might be a little loquacious, but we usually like what he has to say. Lance Kinzer has a lot to offer Olathe and the state, and we endorse him in his race for the 14th District of the Kansas House. We wouldn't be surprised if some day, we were endorsing him for an even higher office, but we'll let that come in due time.

Look at his record in his first term. Kinzer was one of the leaders in the passage of Jessica's Law, including his work on a task force that studied and successfully pushed passage of the law through the Legislature.

He's known in Topeka for his thoughtful, impassioned speeches on the House floor. He gives issues deep consideration and when he makes a decision, he has legal reasoning for his opinions.

He has legal precedent supporting his positions, not emotional or partisan reactions. He's so prepared we wouldn't be surprised if he did research on what to have for breakfast. Kinzer could probably deliver a soliloquy on the merits of Frosted Mini Wheats and their impact on the Kansas economy.

This is a politician with clear, organized thoughts on virtually every topic.

At the same time, he's a personable, reasonable person who does not come across as a "know-it-all" or someone who doesn't listen. He's probably smarter than you, but he's going to listen to your thoughts and give your feedback serious consideration.

In a short time, Kinzer networked his way into a leadership position in the House, achieving vice-chair of a committee in his first term. He is well versed on virtually every issue that he has been asked about in this campaign.

His opponent, Aunesty Janssen, is a fairly standard "more money for schools" Democrat. She's out of touch with the big picture in Kansas: the current funding formula is leading us into deficit spending. She can talk all she wants about changing the formula, but at the end of the day, she still wants to spend more money than our state can afford.

Kinzer could be Olathe's highest profile representative someday. We're hearing whispers of "Gov. Kinzer" but that is well down the road. He has garnered support because when you talk to him, you learn something about the state and you have a better understanding of why things are the way they are.

We're convinced Kinzer will be an even better representative for Olathe this time than he was in his first term. We look forward to great things from him in the future. For now, voters in the 14th District should turn out and support him so he can continue to do his job for them.