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Mike Kehoe already picking up support in State Senate bid

It's only July of 2009 ... and it's still the early going in the race for the State Senate seat being vacated by Senator Carl Vogel of Jefferson City in 2010. But Thursday's announcement from Jefferson City auto dealer Mike Kehoe that he's in the race for the Republican nomination shows he's wasting no time picking up backers. The event brought scores of supporters to a barbecue on the outskirts of town. And some of the supporters are well known in state politics.



Among the well known showing up to support the former Chairman of the State Transportation Commission was Senate Majority Floor Leader Kevin Engler of Farmington. Also on board are former Missouri Republican Party Executive Director Jared Craighead ... former Matt Blunt Chief of Staff Trish Vincent ... former First Brother Andy Blunt ... and the voice of the Missouri Tigers, Mike Kelly.

All wore stickers showing they are in the Mike Kehoe camp.

It's not a secret that several individuals - including a number of State Representatives - are considering entering the fray in the 6th District. But if they're serious about running it might be wise to get those ducks in a row soon because the guy who already has a lot of name recognition is losing no time picking up valuable support.

- Steve Walsh