

Sen. Baker announces bid for 7th term

Cecil County Democrat says he's a candidate

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State Sen. Walter Baker said he will seek a seventh four-year term from the 36th District which includes all or parts of Cecil, Caroline, Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

In his statement, Baker, a Democrat, said that with more than 23 years of fighting for the interests and values of

Maryland's Eastern Shore in the state Senate, he is asking the voters of the 36th District for the opportunity to continue his service in the Maryland General Assembly.

"As more and more Marylanders discover our region, there are only a few of us from the Eastern Shore who have the experience, track record, and determination to protect our rights and values — the qualities that make the Eastern Shore special," said Baker. "I will use that seniority in Annapolis to make sure the legacy we pass on to our children and their children is protected."

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller said: "Walter is a guiding force in the Maryland General Assembly. All of us, but particularly his constituents, will benefit from his brand of leadership and commonsense lawmaking during the next term."

Born and raised in Cecil County, Baker served in the U.S. Army in the United States and Europe. He was educated at Washington College and the University of Maryland School of Law. He said he has spent his entire life raising a family and

working to make Maryland's greatest region a safe, livable, and thriving place for working men and women to establish a real home and raise a family.

From his days as a Cecil County State's Attorney to his service as chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, Baker said he has fought to protect communities and promote opportunities that help families prosper. Baker is married, has two children and eight grandchildren.

In making his announcement, Baker said, "It is a real honor to represent the people of District 36. The Senate is a great place to fight for the ideals and values shared by those of us from rural areas of Maryland. While I believe government has the responsibility to provide for public safety, needed social and environmental programs and a good education for our children, government must be run efficiently and not overreach into people's lives. During my time in office, I have fought to achieve these goals and to insure that every dollar of state funds is spent wisely. I am hopeful that the citizens of the four counties I represent will see fit to support me once again."