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## **King, Tyson make for good AG candidates**

Republican voters will choose a candidate for lieutenant governor in the June 6 primary to face Democrat Jim Folsom Jr. in the November General Election. Both parties, meanwhile, will select nominees for attorney general in the primary. We endorse Luther Strange as the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor. For attorney general, we think the best choices are incumbent Republican Troy King and Democrat John Tyson Jr. of Mobile. Strange is a newcomer to elective politics but his credentials are as imposing as his 6-foot-9-inch physical presence. An attorney with one of the state's leading law firms in Birmingham, he is deeply involved with economic expansion and was instrumental in helping to forge the deal that led Hyundai to locate its auto plant in Montgomery. Strange chaired Bill Pryor's successful campaigns for attorney general. Active in other areas of Republican politics, he also is involved in civic affairs and church work. Though he has the skills of a sharp attorney, there is no doubting the sincerity of his commitment to economic progress. King's experience and excellent record as Alabama's attorney general for the past four years give him the edge in the GOP primary. His hard-nosed, no-nonsense approach to the duties of his office serve him well most of time, but we urge him to be less doctrinaire and more responsive to the needs of families of people with mental disabilities. On the Democratic side, Tyson -- running against a candidate who associates with Holocaust deniers and race-baiters -- seems a shoo-in. But he has strong qualities that commend him for the job. He is a well-respected Mobile County district attorney, an effective advocate of technology and modern management techniques for crime fighting and an effective prosecutor. Tyson should emerge from the primary as a strong candidate for the Democrats this fall.

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