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Board picks in AG races

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AS THE primary election draws near, members of the Press-Register's editorial board recommend two candidates for the office of Alabama attorney general.

They are Troy King on the Republican Party's ballot and John Tyson Jr. on the Democratic Party's ballot.

Mr. King, though not yet 40, has acquired a wealth of experience including two years as attorney general, to which he was appointed in 2004 by Gov. Bob Riley.

Previously he served as the governor's legal adviser and for four years was an assistant attorney general under Bill Pryor, the respected former attorney general who is now a federal judge.

He also spent time serving in the Fob James administration.

Alabama has been in good legal hands under Mr. King, who represents the state with integrity and a commitment to the rule of law.

On the Democratic Party ticket, the editorial board recommends Mr. Tyson, who as Mobile County district attorney has been a proactive prosecutor and sponsor of several significant community outreach programs.

Particularly impressive is his "Helping Families Initiative," which helps at-risk schoolchildren and their families.

Mr. Tyson obvious understands the relationship between serious misconduct at school and, later, juvenile delinquency and adult criminal behavior.

His opponent on the Democratic Party ticket is Larry Darby, an admitted white supremacist who denies that the Holocaust occurred.

Founder of the Atheist Law Center in Montgomery and an advocate of legalizing marijuana, Mr. Darby is clearly out of the mainstream in Alabama.

As the state's chief law enforcement officer, Alabama's attorney general plays an important role in setting the tone and agenda for crime-fighting efforts across the state. Both Mr. King and Mr. Tyson would serve Alabama well in that role.

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