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Statements from and about

Doug Munton, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Illinois,
who will be nominated for First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"I want to be a great encourager to our convention in the area of missions and evangelism. Since my first international mission trip God has stirred my heart for the nations. And, with a daughter and her family serving with the IMB in Madagascar, the issue is even more personal. But I also want to see us with a passion to see our friends and neighbors and classmates come to know the Lord right here in our own nation.

"I hope God will use me to encourage pastors in churches of all sizes. I want to see a continued move in our convention towards racial diversity and unity. I want to encourage our churches to participate in missions through support of the Cooperative Program. I hope to encourage prayer for a spiritual awakening in our convention and nation."

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Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church
O'Fallon, Illinois

"Doug cares about souls. He has demonstrated a constant passion for winning the lost to Christ. The St. Louis Metroplex is a tough place to do the Lord's work but Doug has led his congregation there effectively. He has been a longtime role model for those of us who serve in the Midwest. Doug's commitment to Jesus has been passed on to his family. He and his wife Vickie have successfully conveyed the heritage of righteousness to their children. Doug is a gifted preacher, author and pastor. He has set the standard for those of us who have known him well through the years."

Dr. John Marshall, nominator of Dr. Munton for First Vice President of the SBC
Pastor
Second Baptist Church
Springfield, Missouri

"I am excited to hear that Doug will be nominated for this national role, after experiencing his strong leadership here in Illinois as our State Convention President and as long-time pastor of one of our leading churches. Doug has all the qualities I would hope for in SBC leadership. He is a conservative, cooperative, humble, thoughtful, missions-hearted pastor who will lead both as statesman and by personal example."

Nate Adams
Executive Director
Illinois Baptist State Association