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Zaccaria Accepts GOP Nomination to Face Langevin in 2nd District Contest

Lincoln, RI: Tonight former North Kingstown Councilman Mark Zaccaria was endorsed by the RI Republican Party to be its candidate for Congress in the Second District this fall.

The nomination pits Zaccaria against incumbent Democrat, James Langevin,

The text of the Acceptance Speech Zaccaria gave to the GOP Delegates and on-lookers follows:

I entered this race because our present Representative is disconnected from the people he is trying to serve

I entered this race because that disconnect is contributing to a rudderless Congress and I felt that has to stop.

I entered this race because our Republican Party has the answers that the people of Rhode Island and the nation need to hear right now, and I felt that I could deliver that message loud & clear.

Last March when I announced that I was entering the race for Congress from the 2nd District a very interesting thing started to happen. I began to get support for my ideas and my candidacy from both inside and outside the party. People from around the state started joining me in calling for smaller government, with less drag on our productive economy. They wanted a government which would respond to them in a crisis, not just conduct another hearing or repeat another excuse as to why they could wait. The more I heard they wanted all that, the more I wanted to help give it to them.

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The run up to this nominating convention has been an energy charged six weeks of Planning, Fund Raising, Organizing a Winning Team, and beginning to articulate a Winning Message. All that has delivered me here to this podium as a person who is ready to be your standard bearer in this fight.

And it will be a fight. We face a four term incumbent from our state's majority party. We have to appeal to an electorate that has sometimes voted out of habit more than choice and we have to energize them to make the best decision for Themselves, their state and their nation. We have to do all this starting with a shoestring budget and slow recognition from national interests, at least until we prove our mettle.

And who is this 'We' I'm talking about? It's you and me, folks. It's me and every voter in the District who likes what they read in my Newsletter, and who'll say so to their friends & neighbors. It's voters and donors from across the state who want to join with me to bring Balance to our nation's Government, who want to bring Traditional Values to our Government, who want to remind the pundits that there are No Safe Seats in the People's House.

So tonight we all face an uphill fight, but it is one worth fighting or we wouldn't be here. It's also a fight that we're ready for with People-Resources that haven't yet registered on my opponent's RADAR scope. But they will.

Our friends across the aisle seem to be content with simply being the party that wins. Lord knows they've settled into a comfortable pattern of doing that. Their pattern is about to be broken, though, because Republicans want to be more than the party that wins. We want to be the party that Leads!

And I want to be a Candidate who Leads and a Congressman who Leads and with your support in the next four months I will be.

So I am humbled by your nomination to lead this fight. I am emboldened by the acclamation with which you have delivered it to me. And I am energized to proudly accept it tonight and to prove your good judgment in offering it to me on Election Night.

Thank You

Zaccaria was interrupted by applause from the 200 or more in attendance at several points during his brief remarks. A standing demonstration of GOP support took place immediately after.

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