

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 8, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Donna Kelly, Assistant Attorney General, State of New Jersey, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 7, 2006, the Honorable ALBIO SIRES was elected Representative in Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of New Jersey.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,
KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

Attachment.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
DEPT. OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
Trenton, NJ, November 8, 2006.
Re Unofficial Results for the Special Election for the Unexpired Term for the Thirteenth Congressional District.
Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: Enclosed please find the unofficial results for the Special Election held on November 7, 2006 for the office of Member, House of Representatives, Thirteenth Congressional District, State of New Jersey. These unofficial results do not include the absentee or provisional ballot totals. You are further advised that no challenge or recount for this election is known at this time. The official results for the election will be certified by the Board of State Canvassers no later than December 5, 2006. Your office will be provided with the original Certificate of Election upon such certification.

If you have any question, please contact this office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,
DONNA KELLY,
Assistant Attorney General.
(For Stuart Rabner, Attorney General of New Jersey).

UNOFFICIAL LIST—CANDIDATE RETURNS FOR UNEXPIRED TERM FOR NOVEMBER 2006 GENERAL ELECTION, THIRTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: ESSEX (PART)—HUDSON (PART)—MIDDLESEX (PART)—UNION (PART) COUNTIES

Name Address	Party/Designation	County	Slogan	Tally
Unexpired Term:				
Albio Sires, P.O. Box 300, West New York, NJ 07093	Democratic	Essex (part)	Democratic	9,516
		Hudson (part)	Democratic	48,357
		Middlesex (part)	Democratic	218
		Union (part)	Democratic	3,837
Total				61,928
Dick Hester, 233 East Delavan Ave., Newark, NJ 07104	Pro Life Conservative	Essex (part)	Pro Life Conservative	350
		Hudson (part)	Pro Life Conservative	1,391
		Middlesex (part)	Pro Life Conservative	61
		Union (part)	Pro Life Conservative	190
Total				1,992

Total Democrats—1
Total Republicans—0
Total Independents—1
Total Candidates—2

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ALBIO SIRES, OF NEW JERSEY, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. ALBIO SIRES, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, OF TEXAS, AND THE HONORABLE ALBIO SIRES, OF NEW JERSEY, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect and the Members of their respective delegations present themselves in the well.

The Representatives-elect will raise their right hand.

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS and Mr. SIRES appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation

or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 109th Congress.

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WELCOMING THE HONORABLE SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. BARTON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege on behalf of the Texas delegation to introduce to the 109th Congress the Honorable SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, Dr. GIBBS. She is a dermatologist in Houston, Texas. She serves on the Houston City Council at large. She has been active in the Ellington Field task force to help renovate that part of Houston, Texas.

She is a fifth-generation Texan. She has two children, two stepchildren, and, I think, three grandchildren. She is married to a graduate of Waco High School, which is the high school that I graduated from. She is going to do great honor to the 22nd Congressional District of Texas for the rest of the 109th Congress and it is with a great deal of personal Texas pride that I introduce to this body the Honorable SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS.

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman is recognized.

There was no objection.

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the kind gentleman from Texas,

the dean of our Texas congressional delegation, for his remarks and the warm welcome that I received here today. He is a wonderful example of the type of Congress Member that I hope to emulate while serving in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the great people of the 22nd Congressional District who elected me for the confidence that they have placed in me in representing their values and allowing me to serve them for the remainder of the 109th Congress. I would also like to thank the Speaker and the rest of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives. I look forward to getting to know them and to know each of you and work on the initiatives that will help strengthen our country.

Most of all, I would like to thank the volunteers and the hard workers who have helped me, as well as my family and especially my husband, Robert, who is joining us today, as well as my son, Michael.

Thanks to their unyielding support throughout the last 3 months of our lives and those of my two daughters who are not here, Elyse and Mallory, and all of the people who have worked so hard on my campaign, I am now able to address this auspicious body.

During my time in the House of Representatives, I will ensure that my constituents receive the first-rate representation that they deserve. There are only a few weeks left until the session is over, and there is much work to be done, but I will work with my colleagues to guarantee that we do whatever is necessary to move this Nation forward and address the critical issues facing our country, including health care—as you would imagine, being a physician, I have very big concerns

about that—illegal immigration, and the war on terror.

Again to my colleagues in the House and all of those in public service, I would like to thank you for your service to our country. I am proud to be among you today, and, together, I am confident that we will meet the challenges that the future will bring our great country.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ALBIO SIREs TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure and honor this evening to introduce the newest member of our New Jersey delegation, ALBIO SIREs. ALBIO won a special election last week to fill the remaining term of Senator MENENDEZ, who won reelection to the Senate last week. He was also elected to a full term and will be back with us in January as well.

ALBIO comes to this House after serving as the mayor of West New York and serving four terms in the New Jersey General Assembly, including two terms as the assembly speaker. During his tenure in the assembly, ALBIO championed legislation that increased the minimum wage in New Jersey by \$2. ALBIO also led the fight to help New Jersey families better afford college for their children by creating the STARS program, which offers full paid county and State college tuition scholarships to thousands of New Jersey students.

As this Congress prepares to tackle both the minimum wage and college affordability in January, ALBIO will be a strong voice on behalf of working-class families. ALBIO was born in pre-Communist Cuba, but fled with his family at age 12 to the United States. He was a star basketball player in both high school and college, and I am sure he would have no problem suiting up again as a member of the congressional basketball team.

He also joins both me and BILL DELAHUNT as the only current Members of Congress who earned a degree from Middlebury College in Vermont. He is joined here today by his wife, Adrienne, his stepdaughter, Tara Kole, and supporters from his new congressional district. Please join me in welcoming ALBIO SIREs to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman is recognized.

There was no objection.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank you and to thank Mr. PALLONE for those kind words. I would like to express my deep gratitude to my wife, Adrienne, my stepdaughter, Tara, my friends and especially my neighbors in the 13th Congressional District of New Jersey, who have honored me by allowing me to represent them in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, when I left Cuba with my family 45 years ago, I could never have envisioned that I would be standing on the floor of the House of Representatives to give this speech. This day for me truly embodies the promise of this Nation, the promise of its founders, the promise of its many immigrant communities, the promise which means that anyone, no matter the circumstances of birth or class, can rise to become a Member of the greatest democratic body in history.

Mr. Speaker, it was the community of West New York that welcomed me and my family so many years ago. I have tried, tried every day to give back to my neighbors for their generosity, first as a teacher and a coach, then as a mayor and as a State assemblyman. The people of the 13th District have provided me with the greatest privilege of all, to represent them in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the honor and the privilege of serving in the House of Representatives and the faith that my constituents have placed in me by sending me here on their behalf. It is the trust of the people of New Jersey that has enabled me to be here today, and I intend to honor that trust every day that I serve as their representative.

Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, and the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. ALBIO SIREs, the whole number of the House is 433.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 3085, by the yeas and nays;

S. 819, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5602, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

TRAIL OF TEARS STUDY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and concurring in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3085.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr.

RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3085, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 383, nays 3, not voting 46, as follows:

[Roll No. 517]

YEAS—383

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Johnson (IL)
Ackerman	Davis (KY)	Johnson, E. B.
Aderholt	Davis (TN)	Johnson, Sam
Akin	Davis, Jo Ann	Jones (OH)
Alexander	Davis, Tom	Kanjorski
Allen	Deal (GA)	Kaptur
Andrews	DeFazio	Keller
Baca	DeGette	Kelly
Bachus	Delahunt	Kennedy (MN)
Baird	DeLauro	Kennedy (RI)
Baker	Dent	Kildee
Baldwin	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kilpatrick (MI)
Barrett (SC)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kind
Barrow	Dicks	King (IA)
Bartlett (MD)	Dingell	King (NY)
Barton (TX)	Doollittle	Kingston
Bass	Doyle	Kirk
Bean	Drake	Kline
Beauprez	Dreier	Knollenberg
Becerra	Duncan	Kolbe
Berkley	Edwards	Kucinich
Berman	Ehlers	Kuhl (NY)
Berry	Emanuel	LaHood
Biggert	Emerson	Langevin
Billray	English (PA)	Lantos
Bilirakis	Eshoo	Larsen (WA)
Bishop (GA)	Etheridge	Larson (CT)
Bishop (NY)	Everett	Latham
Bishop (UT)	Farr	LaTourette
Blackburn	Fattah	Leach
Blumenuauer	Feeney	Lee
Blunt	Ferguson	Levin
Boehlert	Filner	Lewis (CA)
Boehner	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (GA)
Bonilla	Forbes	Linder
Bonner	Ford	Lipinski
Bono	Fortenberry	LoBiondo
Boren	Fossella	Lofgren, Zoe
Boswell	Fox	Lowey
Boucher	Frank (MA)	Lucas
Boustany	Franks (AZ)	Lungren, Daniel
Boyd	Frelinghuysen	E.
Bradley (NH)	Garrett (NJ)	Lynch
Brady (PA)	Gerlach	Mack
Brady (TX)	Gingrey	Maloney
Brown (OH)	Gonzalez	Manzullo
Brown (SC)	Goodlatte	Marchant
Brown, Corrine	Gordon	Markey
Brown-Waite,	Granger	Marshall
Ginny	Graves	Matheson
Burgess	Green (WI)	Matsui
Butterfield	Green, Al	McCarthy
Buyer	Green, Gene	McCollum (MN)
Calvert	Grijalva	McCotter
Camp (MI)	Gutknecht	McCreery
Campbell (CA)	Hall	McDermott
Cannon	Harman	McGovern
Cantor	Harris	McHenry
Capito	Hart	McHugh
Capps	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre
Capuano	Hastings (WA)	McKeon
Cardin	Hayes	McMorris
Cardoza	Hayworth	Rodgers
Carnahan	Hensarling	McNulty
Carter	Herger	Meehan
Case	Herseth	Meek (FL)
Castle	Hinchey	Melancon
Chabot	Hinojosa	Mica
Chocola	Hobson	Michaud
Clay	Hoekstra	Millender-
Cleaver	Holden	McDonald
Clyburn	Holt	Miller (FL)
Coble	Honda	Miller (MI)
Conaway	Hooley	Miller (NY)
Conyers	Hoyer	Miller, Gary
Cooper	Hulshof	Miller, George
Costa	Hunter	Mollohan
Costello	Hyde	Moore (KS)
Cramer	Inslee	Moore (WI)
Crenshaw	Issa	Moran (KS)
Crowley	Istook	Moran (VA)
Cuellar	Jackson (IL)	Murphy
Culberson	Jackson-Lee	Musgrave
Cummings	(TX)	Myrick
Davis (AL)	Jenkins	Nadler
Davis (CA)	Jindal	Napolitano
Davis (FL)	Johnson (CT)	Neugebauer