

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