

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to
transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a let-
ter received from Mr. Daniel White, Execu-
tive Director, Illinois State Board of Elec-
tions, indicating that, according to the unof-
ficial returns of the Special Election held
March 8, 2008, the Honorable Bill Foster was
elected Representative to Congress for the

Fourteenth Congressional District, State of
Illinois.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Springfield, IL, March 10, 2008.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: Although it is not the
normal practice of the Illinois State Board

of Elections to release unofficial election re-
sults, in response to your February 21, 2008
request, we are hereby transmitting UNOF-
FICIAL election results for the March 8, 2008
Special General Election in the Fourteenth
Congressional Election in the State of Illi-
nois.

Sincerely,

DANIEL W. WHITE,
Executive Director.

Enclosure.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS, MARCH 8, 2008, SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
[For an unexpired term]

Table with 5 columns: Jurisdiction, Democratic Bill Foster, Republican Jim Oberweis, Unreturned Absentees, Provisionals. Rows include Bureau, DeKalb, DuPage, Henry, Kane, Kendall, Lee, Whiteside, Aurora Board, and Totals.

\*\*As of March 8, 2008.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
BILL FOSTER, OF ILLINOIS, AS A
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I
ask unanimous consent that the gen-
tleman from Illinois, the Honorable
BILL FOSTER, be permitted to take the
oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not ar-
rived, 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 Illi-
nois?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representa-
tive-elect and the members of the Illi-
nois delegation present themselves in
the well.

Mr. Foster appeared at the bar of the
House and took the oath of office, as
follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that
you will support and defend the Con-
stitution 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 obliga-
tion freely without any mental reser-
vation or purpose of evasion; and
that you will well and faithfully dis-
charge the duties of the office on which
you are about to enter, so help you
God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You
are now a Member of the 110th Con-
gress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE
BILL FOSTER TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection,
the gentleman from Illinois (Mr.
COSTELLO) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, on
behalf of the Illinois delegation, I am

pleased to introduce the newest mem-
ber of our delegation in the House,
Congressman BILL FOSTER, from the
14th District of Illinois. BILL resides in
Geneva, Illinois, and has lived in the
Fox Valley for almost 25 years.

BILL has a diverse background in
both business and science. He started a
very successful theater lighting busi-
ness with his younger brother when he
was only 19 years old, and he went on
to receive his Ph.D. in physics from
Harvard. BILL worked at Fermilab for
22 years, where he designed research
projects and built the latest round of
the particle accelerators.

BILL comes from a family with a
strong history of working for the pub-
lic good, and we look forward to work-
ing with him on behalf of his constitu-
ents and the Nation.

Madam Speaker and Members of the
House, please welcome our newest col-
league, Congressman BILL FOSTER from
the 14th District of Illinois.

Mr. FOSTER. Thank you, Madam
Speaker. It is an honor to stand here in
the well of this body as the Representa-
tive of the Illinois 14th District. My
predecessor in this role is a friend to
many here and led this House and rep-
resented the people of my district hon-
orably for over 20 years. I know that
my colleagues will join me in once
again thanking Speaker Dennis
Hastert for his service.

Madam Speaker, fellow Members of
Congress, I am a scientist, not a politi-
cian. When it comes to the issues that
we face in this Nation, I plan on ap-
proaching them as a scientist, and that
means examining the facts, listening to
both sides, and doing what is right for
the people of Illinois and America.

During my campaign, many people
told me that Congress should be acting
differently. At a time of crisis around
the world and economic trouble at
home, Americans want us to end the

divisions between us and work together
to solve the problems we face. I believe
that there are huge opportunities to
change this country for the better if we
can make the right decisions, and real
risks if we keep squabbling and making
the wrong ones.

And now, as you can probably al-
ready tell, we scientists aren't known
for our fiery rhetoric. But as I stand
before you today, it is my solemn hope
that with less bickering and word
twisting in Washington, that there will
be more problem solving. We need to
work together for energy independence,
for tax cuts for middle-class families,
to expand health care for more chil-
dren, for a return to fiscal discipline,
and, as importantly as anything, for a
new direction in Iraq.

Together we can fulfill our pledge to
the next generation to leave Wash-
ington and this Nation better on the
day that we leave it than it was on the
day that we came into it.

I look forward to meeting my new
colleagues, Democrats and Repub-
licans, and to getting right to work on
behalf of the families we represent.

Thank you to my colleagues in the
Illinois delegation, and thank you,
Madam Speaker. This is truly an
honor.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I
yield to our colleague from Illinois
(Mr. MANZULLO).

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, as
the dean of the Illinois Republican de-
legation, I want to take this oppor-
tunity to extend to our newest col-
league from Illinois, with whom I share
two counties, welcome to the big city.
I look forward to working with you. I
have always wanted a scientific mind,
and maybe I can learn from yours.
Thank you and welcome to Congress.