

Honorable David W. Jolly was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of Florida.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,
Tallahassee, FL, March 12, 2014.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. HAAS: This is to advise you that the preliminary results reported on the night of March 11, 2014, for the special election for the Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida, reflected the following preliminary returns (which includes all early voting and Election Day results, along with all but two regular absentee ballots, provisional ballots, and the overseas absentee ballots which could be received within 10 days after the election):

David W. Jolly, REP, 89,099, 48.52%
Alex Sink, DEM, 85,642, 46.64%
Lucas Overby, LPF, 8,893, 4.84%
Michael S. Levinson, WRI, 0, 0.0%

The first set of unofficial results are not due to be reported until noon, March 15, 2014. It is only when the first set of unofficial results are reported that we will know if a recount actually becomes necessary. Florida law requires a recount when a candidate is defeated by ½ of a percent or less of the votes cast. To the best of our knowledge, there is no contest to this election; however, a contest may be filed at any time within 10 days after the state's Election Canvassing Commission certifies the election, which is scheduled to occur on March 26, 2014.

We will follow up with you after we receive the unofficial results and again after we have the official Certificate of Election, which we will transmit as required by law.

Sincerely,

GARY J. HOLLAND,
Assistant Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DAVID W. JOLLY, OF FLORIDA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Florida, the Honorable DAVID W. JOLLY, 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 gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect JOLLY and the members of the Florida delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. JOLLY 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 a Member of the 113th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DAVID W. JOLLY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the Florida delegation, it is my pleasure to welcome the newest Member of this proud body, Congressman DAVID JOLLY.

Today is a significant progression for DAVID, from staffer to elected Representative; a progression beginning from his many years working for his community as a staffer for our esteemed late colleague, Congressman Bill Young.

I am confident that DAVID has returned to these Halls to ensure that Bill's legacy is carried on, one of extraordinary constituent service, as well as his unwavering respect and civility for all of us in this Chamber. I also know that DAVID will, in his own words, "bring his own deep desire and drive to get things done for this country."

DAVID is a fifth-generation Floridian, and is joined in the gallery today by his rightfully proud parents and family to mark this momentous occasion. I am certain that he will work hard to maintain that sentiment with each of them, as well as his constituents in Pinellas County. He is a welcomed addition to our Florida delegation familia—a fresh and strong voice for our Sunshine State and our great Nation.

Before I yield to my distinguished colleague, CORRINE BROWN, let me also say that just like you, DAVID, I, too, won a special election to fill the seat of a legend of this institution, so believe me when I say that having big shoes to fill should be seen as both an exceptional honor as well as an exceptional opportunity.

Congratulations, and welcome from all of us.

I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN).

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to welcome our newest Member to Congress and to the Florida delegation.

As I am sure he already knows, Congressman JOLLY has big shoes to fill. Bill Young was a true statesman who put the needs of his district and our home State above politics, and Florida is a better place to live because of it.

I always say, to whom God has given much, much is expected. When you are born, you get a birth certificate, and when you die, you are going to get a death certificate, and that little dash in between is what you have done to make this a better place.

I am looking forward to working with the Congressman to make Florida and the United States the best that it can be.

I also want to say that the St. Petersburg mayor is here, Rick Kriseman; welcome.

Congressman JOLLY, welcome to the United States House of Representatives.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORIDA'S 13TH CONGRES- SIONAL DISTRICT

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

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I thank you and my new colleagues. Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Ms. BROWN, thank you very much. To the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District, I want to say thank you today for giving me a remarkable life opportunity, the opportunity to serve.

For my new colleagues, I simply want you to know two things about this new Member. First, I believe in this institution, the people's House. I believe in all that is good and right about this institution, the opportunity that this institution has to make our Nation better, to direct our Nation down the right path, to solve problems for all of us, and to secure for every American the sacred blessings of liberty.

The second thing I would like you to know about this new Congressman is I believe in civility. I had a wonderful opportunity to work for a man with whom you each served, and he left an indelible legacy in this House—one of civility. We are all elected to fight for our communities and to fight for our constituents. We are elected to fight for our convictions, for the causes we believe in, but it is a fight for the future of our country; it is not a fight against each other, and I know that.

We have had a nationally watched race. That race is over, and now it is time for me as a Member of Congress of this body to join with each of you to follow in the footsteps you have made in serving your community as I begin to serve mine.

You have my commitment today to work with each and every one of you. I look forward to it. I look forward to working with each and every one of you, and I would like to say thank you one more time to my friends and neighbors and my community, Florida's 13th Congressional District, that has given me this honor today. God bless each and every one of you.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this moment.

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 gentleman from