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Zaccaria Highlights Langevin's Congressional Ineffectiveness

North Kingstown: Mark Zaccaria today said that the Second Congressional district deserves much better representation, citing his opponent's score in the annual Congressional Power Rankings by Knowlegis, a non-partisan organization. "Mr. Langevin, a four-term incumbent, was ranked a dismal 217 within his own party out of 235 House Democrats," said Zaccaria. "Mr. Langevin obviously is not cut out for Congress if, after four terms, he is still one of the least effective members of his party. Forget partisan politics, the people of Rhode Island simply deserve better representation from the Second Congressional district."

The Congressional Power Rankings by Knowlegis are determined by "how effective one is at advancing an agenda, whether it is a personal agenda, party agenda or district or state agenda."

http://www.congress.org/congressorg/power_rankings/backgrounder.tt

Knowlegis is "an online software and data company serving government relations professionals and lobbyists. Knowlegis provides reliable legislator and issue data, combined with secure advocacy tools for associations, government agencies, corporations and non-profit organizations."

http://www.congress.org/congressorg/power_rankings/about_knowlegis.tt

"People in Rhode Island talk about holding President Bush accountable for what he has, and has not, done over the past eight years," said Zaccaria. "I believe we should be doing the same with Mr. Langevin."

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Zaccaria went on to point out that his opponent just passed his first piece of legislation this past year, which is his eighth year in Congress. "It's unacceptable that our four-term Representative is less effective than many freshmen legislators. I'm asking Rhode Islanders to put politics aside and hold Mr. Langevin accountable for his poor job performance."

"We don't need a Washington voice in Rhode Island; we need a Rhode Island voice in Washington. Mr. Langevin has failed to properly represent Rhode Islanders," stated Zaccaria. "I know that I can do better than my opponent."

Mark Zaccaria is a resident of North Kingstown, RI, where he runs a small business. He and his wife, Ruth, have been married for 33 years. They have three grown children who are all residents of the state. Learn more about Mark's candidacy for congress at the web site: www.markz4ri.org

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