

Joyce new congressman for 14th district



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Geauga County Prosecutor David Joyce casts his ballot Tuesday at the Geauga Park District's West Woods Nature Center in Russell Township. Joyce won the seat for Ohio's 14th Congressional District.

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Geauga County Prosecutor David Joyce was elected Tuesday night to serve as the new congressman for Ohio's 14th Congressional District.

Joyce will succeed U.S. Rep. Steven C. LaTourette, R-Bainbridge Township. Joyce defeated Democrat Dale Virgil Blanchard, Libertarian David Macko, and Green Party candidate Elaine R. Mastroratte.

The seven-county district is comprised of all of Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties, plus portions of Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage and Trumbull counties.

LaTourette, R-Bainbridge Township, had won the March 6 Republican primary as he was unopposed, but on July 31, he announced he would retire and withdraw as a candidate effective Aug. 8.

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Joyce then was appointed to be the nominee by a seven-county committee of Republican chairman and central committee secretaries.

"It's been quite a ride. Over these short three months I've met thousands of people from all walks of life and visited a ton of businesses and I've learned so much about the issues they are facing," Joyce said. "I'm just honored and humbled they have decided to place their trust in me to represent the 14th Congressional District. We have some big issues facing our country and I'm ready to tackle those issues immediately."

According to unofficial results from the seven county boards of election, Joyce was leading as of press time with 178,042 total votes, Blanchard with 126,006 votes, Macko with 10,972 votes and Mastroratte with 12,409 votes.

Joyce received 53,224 votes in Lake County; 32,108 in

Geauga County; 17,317 in Ashtabula County; 9,662 in Portage County; 34,124 in Summit County; 4,226 in Trumbull County; 27,381 in Cuyahoga County with 1,058 of 1,063 precincts reporting.

Blanchard received 39,508 votes in Lake County; 12,121 in Geauga County; 18,531 in Ashtabula County; 5,843 in Portage County; 26,629 in Summit County; and 3,514 in Trumbull County; 19,860 in Cuyahoga County with 1,058 of 1,063 precincts reporting.

Macko received 3,278 votes in Lake County; 1,247 in Geauga County; 1,717 in Ashtabula County; 718 in Portage County; 2,174 in Summit County; 369 in Trumbull County; 1,469 in Cuyahoga County with 1,058 of 1,063 precincts reporting.

Mastroratte received 4,362 votes in Lake County; 1,348 in Geauga County; 1,672 in Ashtabula County; 667 in Portage County; 2,243 in Summit County; 508 in Trumbull County; and 1,609 in Cuyahoga County with 1,058 of 1,063 precincts reporting.