

Ryan Solen Shows Up

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1st CD Democratic Candidate for Congress Ryan Solen shows up to every invitation he can, from Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, and many are surprised to learn that some of his views, like his support for term limits, balancing the budget, and reducing national debt, are important to them, too.

MOUNT PLEASANT, WI - Ryan Solen says that "if everyone who says I can't unseat Paul Ryan voted for me, I would win".

That is the conclusion he has drawn after campaigning for many months to become a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Solen became the Democratic nominee in August and has steadily increased his support among Democrats through many public appearances at Democratic functions.

He has also reached out to Republican and Independent voters by attending numerous nonpolitical events and talking one on one with individuals who wouldn't generally be interested in hearing from a Democrat. He recently attended the GOP Fall Fest where he was able to meet with an entirely Republican audience and, though not all agreed with his bipartisan message, he was warmly received.

Just after that event, Solen's opponent, Paul Ryan, had a falling out with the Republican nominee for president, Donald Trump, and Trump supporters have been pledging votes and donating money to Solen ever since. The support is, admittedly, more anti-Paul Ryan than pro-Ryan Solen, but many Trump fans are surprised to learn that some of Solen's views, like his

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Yesterday, a 1st Congressional District newspaper published an editorial that questioned Ryan Solen's motives for welcoming this support, implying it was mere strategy and describing his reaching out to all voters in the district as "antics" rather than the actions of someone who doesn't fall straight in line with the Democrat platform and seeks to represent all citizens, not just those of one party.

Interestingly, this same newspaper's editorial board met with Solen today about a possible endorsement. Solen had read the editorial but went to the meeting anyway. As long as his schedule allows it, he does not turn down any opportunity to meet with people whether they are already supporters, are likely to support him, or will probably never support him. He needs to hear opinions from all sides, it is one of the reasons he decided to run for Congress against incumbent Paul Ryan. Ryan has a reputation for only listening to conservatives so how, Solen questions, could he possibly represent everyone in his district?

Ryan Solen has yet to learn if he earned this endorsement. However, it is more important to him to set the record straight and maintain his integrity with the people than to avoid the topic merely to receive an endorsement. The most important endorsement comes from the voters on November 8 and that is the one Ryan Solen seeks to win.

Ryan Solen is an Army veteran of the war in Iraq and is seeking to represent Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District. He is a Digital Forensic Specialist and Computer Security Analyst. He is a married father of four and enjoys reading, writing, doing karate with his family, and relieves stress with his vintage Lego collection.

He is the Wisconsin Democratic Party's Nominee to run for the U.S. House of Representatives to replace Paul Ryan. For more information, please visit www.solenforcongress.com