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**Remarks by John Loughlin, Republican Candidate for Congress (RI-1)**  
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Good evening. Thank you all for being here to celebrate this victory. I am proud to stand here this evening as the Republican nominee for Congress in Rhode Island's first congressional district.

I especially want to thank my family for their support and all the volunteers on the campaign who helped turn out the vote at the polls today.

Many things have changed since I first got into this race last year – from the arrival of Scott Brown to the departure of Patrick Kennedy – outside forces and indeed, national trends, have made their mark on this race.

Many more things have not changed. Congress is still spending money at a rate we cannot afford, too many Rhode Islanders are out of work and our economy remains stuck in the mud.

We still have servicemen and women spread across this globe fighting for freedom and against terror – and yet so many people have forgotten why they're deployed and what they're fighting against. As the only person in this race with military experience, I won't let them or their mission be forgotten.

I've often said that I'm in this race for my children. My daughter Carrie spent the day traveling the district with me and Tori is in New York studying in law school.

Their future – and my desire to have Rhode Island be a prosperous place they can come home to – is the reason I am stand here in East Providence this evening.

**The choice in this election is clear. We can either continue with the liberal big spending government programs that have nearly bankrupted this country, or you can elect me to help set a new course for America by restoring the free enterprise principles that will make our economy strong again.**

**My opponent will be a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi and her far left agenda. I pledge to you that my first vote as a congressman will be to remove Nancy Pelosi from the speaker's chair.**

Mayor Cicilline offers us nothing but more of the same. As his Democratic opponents pointed out, he's the two-term mayor of a broken city with failing schools, crumbling infrastructure and sky-high taxes. His lapses in ethics and leadership have been well documented.

His liberal big-government views might get nods of agreement in a Thayer Street coffee house, but don't ring true with the working families of the Blackstone Valley and the small businesses from Burrillville to Jamestown that drive our economy.

It's time the people of Rhode Island stood up to the political machine in this state and said, "Enough is enough." We need to restore a healthy two party balance. When one party has monopoly control, it leads to bad decision making.

Rhode Island has a history of seeking balance in their Congressional delegation – in fact, with the exception of the last three years, Rhode Island has been sending a Republican to Washington – be it a Chafee, Ron Machtley or Claudine Schneider – for close to 35 years.

I'd like to add my name to the list and make sure that our state delegation has some balance, someone who won't march in lockstep with Nancy Pelosi but instead a member who will look beyond party affiliation to work in the best interests of his constituents.

Are we in for a fight? Yes we are. Are we up for the fight? Most definitely. We know that we'll be outspent, but they can't beat us on the ground.

For every slick ad they can produce, we have volunteers making thousands of calls.

For every attempt made to mischaracterize me or my record, we have the truth to point to – a skyrocketing deficit, staggering unemployment and a bloated bureaucracy that needs to be reined in.

They'll be desperate to keep the "last Kennedy seat," but we all know that it belongs to no one but the people of this district.

We have the not-so-secret weapon of the Scott Brown effect.

No, this isn't Massachusetts and clearly, I'm no Scott Brown but his spirited campaign and decisive victory gave rise to an enthusiasm that has spread south and given people in this district the inspiration to get involved and to look beyond party label to find out who the candidates really are:

I was an Eagle Scout and a volunteer fireman. I enlisted in the Rhode Island National Guard and retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Army Reserves. I worked for NASA and run my own business. My wife and I have been married for 23 years and have two wonderful daughters.

But I want to be clear -- I don't intend to make this a race about personalities -- it's about policy and which candidate -- John Loughlin or David Cicilline -- will best represent Rhode Island in Congress. Our policy perspectives couldn't be more different:

He believes we are one government program away from salvation.

I believe we're one government program away from financial ruin.

He thinks that government can create jobs by wasting billions of our tax dollars on a failed stimulus plan.

I believe that jobs are created when businesses have more of their own money to invest and know that the government isn't going to impose new mandates and regulations on them.

He believes that government should be a constant presence in our lives.

I believe that government size and power should be kept in check.

He has failed to enforce the immigration laws in his own city and believes in allowing illegal aliens a pathway to citizenship.

I believe that we need to secure our borders and enforce our laws, making legal immigration the only pathway to U.S. citizenship.

He believes that left wing politics should dictate our foreign policy and wants to get our troops out of Afghanistan without regard for how that would affect military success.

I believe that we need to wait for the Petraeus report and follow his boots-on-the-ground assessment. We are waging a world-wide war on terror and unless we want the horror to once again reach our shores, we must root out the terrorists where they live and kill the seeds of their radical anti-American movement.

We know that we have the message and the momentum to win in November. It will be a challenge, but one worth fighting for. Nothing less than the future of our state and nation is at stake.

So tonight I stand here victorious in the Republican primary, but also actively reaching out to dissatisfied Democrats and unaffiliated voters.

I hope you will take a few moments to learn about me, who I am and what I stand for. As a veteran, a small businessman, a state legislator and a father I hope you'll agree that I am the best person to represent you in Washington and I ask for your support in my campaign.

Thank you. Good night.

God bless Rhode Island and God bless the United States of America.

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