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Abboud to challenge Manzullo

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ROCKFORD - Barrington Hills Village President Robert Abboud threw his hat into the ring to challenge U.S. Rep. Don Manzullo in the November 2008 election.

Abboud, 50, announced his intent Monday to run as a Democrat against the 16th Congressional District Republican incumbent who is now serving his eighth consecutive term.

Standing on the steps of Memorial Hall, Abboud laid out a platform including a balanced budget, eliminating the national debt and opposing the war in Iraq.

"I'm running for Congress to help put our country back on track," Abboud said. "I want my grandchildren to know that the people who lead the smartest, strongest, richest nation can actually deal with the biggest issues that face us - not just 'bumper sticker' politics."

Abboud, a businessman and nuclear engineer, has mulled a run for months, quietly gaining support in the sprawling nine county district.

The 16th Congressional District covers all or most of nine counties from Crystal Lake to the Iowa border., including the western half of McHenry County and the county's southeastern corridor.

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