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State Rep. Jack Franks, Adlai Stevenson III to Co-Chair
Robert Abboud Campaign for Congress in Illinois 16th District

Barrington Hills, IL, – Congressional candidate Robert Abboud is off to a running start in his bid to unseat Republican Congressman Donald Manzullo in November of 2008.

The campaign today announced the appointment of former U.S. Senator Adlai Stevenson III as co-chair of the Abboud for Congress Campaign Committee, Illinois State Rep. Jack Franks.

“These are among the most respected elected officials to serve our area, representing the best of the past and future of local and national leadership, and I am proud to have them serve and advise me,” said Abboud today.

Also accepting key spots in the campaign will be Finance Committee co-chairs J.R. Davis President of Davis Bancorp, and the candidate’s father, A. Robert Abboud, former CEO of First National Bank of Chicago.

“Support for my campaign has come from a wide spectrum of individuals and groups,” Abboud, 50, Village President of Barrington Hills said. “I’m gratified that people from both parties, the area’s most respected political figures and those from the business community have come together to support this important effort to effect real change and make a difference here and in Washington.”

The Abboud Campaign will show in its first quarterly filing made today with the Federal Election Commission that it has raised a total of \$77,089. “We’ve are working hard to raise what is needed to run an effective campaign, and the amount we’ve raised so far – in only two months of the three-month period – shows we’re off to a good start.”

Previous Democratic candidates have only raised approximately \$100,000 throughout the whole campaign period, one of several reasons Abboud is consistently referred to as the first serious challenger for the seat in over a decade.

The campaign website is www.robertabboud.com.

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