

Tiffany defeats Church in 7th CD Primary, will face Zunker in May special election

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Sen. Tom Tiffany defeated Jason Church, a retired Army captain and aide to U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, by a nearly 20-point margin in the 7th CD Republican primary.

In statements after the race was called, both Tiffany and Church aligned themselves with President Trump.

Tiffany, R-Minocqua, thanked his supporters and campaign volunteers and pledged to “bring my business experience to Congress, where Nancy Pelosi and her radical allies need some Wisconsin common sense.”

“President Trump needs strong reinforcements in Congress who will work to stop socialism and defend freedom,” he said. “I’m running for Congress to keep America great. We must ensure our children and grandchildren can grow up with the same freedom and opportunity that we did.”

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Church in conceding urged his supporters to back Tiffany.

“President Trump needs an ally in Congress, which is why it’s imperative we elect Senator Tiffany in May,” he said.

Tricia Zunker, a Wausau school board member and an associate justice of the Ho-Chunk Supreme Court, won the 7th CD Dem primary with 89 percent of the vote over businessman Lawrence Dale.

Tiffany and Zunker will square off in a May 12 special election to replace former U.S.

Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Weston, in the heavily Republican district.