

November 16, 2006SCHAKOWSKY HAILS ELECTION OF HOUSE LEADERSHIP TEAM

SAYS BEST IS YET TO COME FOR AMERICA AS DEMOCRATS PREPARE TO LEAD COUNTRY IN A NEW DIRECTION

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), today, released the following statement after the results of the House Democratic Caucus's Leadership elections were announced:

"Today is a great day for the Democratic Caucus and a great day for America. On November 7, Americans all across the country voted for change. Today, we elected a leadership team that will respond to that call - taking our nation in a new and positive direction for a stronger America and economic security for American families. Our new leaders will help to restore integrity, civility, and fiscal responsibility to the Congress. "

"I am confident that Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC), Caucus Chairman Rahm Emanuel (D-IL), and Caucus Vice Chairman John Larson (D-CT) will honorably lead our Party and our country in a new direction that brings positive change.

"Democrats are committed to addressing our top national priorities: Healthcare, good jobs, energy, education, national security, the minimum wage, and ethics rules. And in the first 100 hours of the 110th Congress, America will see this Congress moving aggressively in the right direction on those and many other issues.

Under new leadership in the House of Representatives, I am confident that our great nation will take full advantage of its great capacity to be a force for good and provide opportunity for all."

As part of the House Democratic Caucus's official nominating process for leadership positions, Schakowsky had the opportunity to deliver a statement to second the nomination of Nancy Pelosi to be Speaker of the House. In nominating Pelosi, Schakowsky said: "The best is yet to come. And, America, we offer you our best, as we nominate Nancy Pelosi to be Speaker of the House of Representatives."