

Richard Douglas for U.S. Senate

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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Senator Mark Kirk Endorses Richard Douglas for the U.S. Senate

College Park, MD (December 1, 2011) – Richard Douglas, an Iraq veteran, former American diplomat, and small business owner, is pleased to announce that U.S. Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) has strongly endorsed his accelerating campaign to unseat incumbent Democrat Ben Cardin in the U.S. Senate.

Senator Kirk said, “Douglas is one of the most qualified U.S. Senate candidates in the nation. His comprehensive experience in the Middle East exhibits a deep understanding of the complex issues our Country and our allies face. I know that Douglas will be a strong Senate partner with me, from day one, in facing down Iran and supporting our ally Israel.”

Senator Mark Kirk went to the United States Senate in November 2010, after winning a special election to serve the final weeks of Barack Obama's Senate term. Kirk also won a regular six-year term which began January 3, 2011. Senator Kirk is a leading national proponent of a nuclear-free Iran, and a leader in serious efforts to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Douglas welcomed Senator Kirk's endorsement and looks forward to working with other like-minded Senators to "create jobs, put an end to America's 40-year nightmare of fiscal irresponsibility, and restore foreign policies which put America's national interests first."

Senator Kirk's support is the latest in a series of major endorsements for the Douglas Senate campaign: Ambassador John Bolton said "Douglas is the most qualified Senate candidate to emerge in Maryland in forty years." Ambassador Roger Noriega, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere, said Douglas is “clearly the most experienced and capable candidate running;”

Richard Douglas has served our Country as the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense responsible for Pentagon programs to combat drug trafficking and the proliferation of nuclear and chemical weapons. He was a senior U.S. Senate staffer from 2000 to 2005: Chief Counsel at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senate Intelligence Committee General Counsel.

Douglas has written extensively on topics such as the damage to U.S. sovereignty caused by unchecked multilateralism, self-defeating U.S. Senate treaty practices, and the deeply-flawed UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Richard Douglas has lived in Maryland for 25 years and currently resides in College Park. He has two adult children. He is an Iraq veteran, a submarine veteran, and a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserve. He operates a Maryland-based air cargo transportation and logistics consulting firm. Richard Douglas speaks Spanish fluently. Formerly a volunteer lay chaplain at the District of Columbia jail, he ministered to Latino and other inmates.

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