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Candidates vow clean, tough fight

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With Labor Day over, both candidates for the 11th U.S. House Congressional race will gear up their campaigns — but it will be a clean race, the candidates said.

Democrat Walter Briggs IV and Republican Joe Knollenberg are facing each other in the race to occupy the chair that has been held by Republican Rep. William Broomfield for the past 30 years.

Both Briggs and Knollenberg said they would avoid the negative campaigning that sank candidates state Sen. Dave Honigman and former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Alice Gilbert in the Republican primary.

"My perspective is that we have run a clean campaign," said Knollenberg, who served as Broomfield's campaign manager in the past and has been active in the Oakland County Republican Party.

"They (voters) are going to look at us for our respective merits," said Knollenberg. "I happen to think I'm the better candidate."

Knollenberg generally sat on the sidelines during the primary while Gilbert and Honigman slugged it out, trading accusations about alleged past job improprieties.

Keeping a basically low profile, Knollenberg's campaign style and



Walter Briggs IV

Broomfield's support, worked.

"We are trying to get our programs out in front of the people," Knollenberg said, rather than attack his opponent.

Briggs, who ran against Broomfield two years ago, has been campaigning all along, but campaign manager Marsha McVicker said his efforts have largely been ignored by the media. With Labor Day generally considered the start of the intense campaigning, she said Briggs probably would receive more attention.

"We've been trying to get our message out," said McVicker. That message is that Briggs, 35, represents a change while Knollenberg, 59, stands for the past, she said.

"Washington politicians have to



Joe Knollenberg

learn what every business and every family already knows, that you cannot spend more than you take in. They have forgotten the basic math lessons of even their elementary school education," said Briggs.

"We have platforms. We're going to run on the issues. We're for change," McVicker said.

Will the voters buy it? In the primary Briggs pulled in 14,565 votes against one other Democratic candidate who drew about 9,000 votes.

Knollenberg more than doubled Briggs' tally with 30,018 votes, beating two other Republicans who together garnered more than 39,000 votes.

The implication is there are more Republican voters than Democrats

in the district.

Oakland County Republican officials said the district is solidly Republican. Democratic party officials said that with the restructuring of the district to include more Democratic areas such as Southfield and Redford, the Democrats stand a chance of winning.

"We see it like Rocky Balboa (of the 'Rocky' movie series). He went the distance but lost (as Briggs did in 1990). But he came back to win," McVicker said.

Knollenberg campaign manager Carol Morlan said Knollenberg will continue going door-to-door and his staff of volunteers will continue making phone calls to potential voters in the district.

Lately, Knollenberg has been concentrating on appearing at civic group functions.

Morlan said Knollenberg will be aiming his campaign efforts at the perceived Democratic areas, but will cover the whole district.

"It's been going great. Our reception has been real warm," Morlan said. Briggs "has never stopped going door-to-door," said McVicker. "He has worn out three pairs of shoes. We're just trying to meet as many people as possible."

Knollenberg, a Bloomfield Township resident, owns an Allstate Insurance agency office in Troy. Briggs, the great-grandson of the Walter Briggs who owned Briggs Stadium (now Tiger Stadium) is an audit supervisor with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

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