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Zahradka to Challenge Washington Politics and Policies

Tawnja Zahradka of Forest Lake, today declares her candidacy for United States Congress in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District. Zahradka is a former Mrs. Minnesota and television personality, known nationwide as the host and executive producer of "The Minnesota Experience" and a successful businesswoman.

Tawnja learned first hand that federal and state laws that should of protected her against sexual harassment and gender discrimination did just the opposite and cost her a 23 year television career. "I believe when people in charge abuse their power and discriminate against those who share their work space, they should be held accountable. Our nations sexual harrassment laws are designed to protect the harrassers - which they did to perfection in my case."

"I attended the St. Cloud town hall to hear my congressman for the first time and I couldn't believe the words coming out of his mouth - patronizing women, no direct answers to legitimate questions and bullying a 10 year old girl whose question he didn't want to answer. When good people do nothing, it is the very definition of tyranny. I just couldn't sit idly on the sidelines, it was time for me to fight the corruption I was witnessing and stand up for all people who suffer at the hands of bullies."

"Career politicians in Washington have become so entrenched in partisanship that they cannot see the difference between partisan politics and good government for our citizens. My campaign is an all-inclusive grassroots effort. I truly believe that all citizens care about our 6th district, care about our great state of Minnesota and care about our country. Together, we can make a difference for our families, our precious planet and our children's futures."

"I am fighting for affordable health care, human rights, a healthy farm economy, strong unions and a great education for our kids that doesn't require bullet proof backpacks. I welcome all unfulfilled Republicans, Democrats. Independents and new voters who feel like their voices are just not being heard to become part of Team Tawnja and help our campaign positively change the world."

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