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## Daily Chronicle questionnaire: Randall M. Hultgren

**Election primary:** U.S. Representative 14th District (Republican)

**Age:** 43

**Bio:** Local Republican Precinct Committeeman for the past 20 years; been a part-time member of the Illinois General Assembly as a representative and state senator for the past 12 years; lived in the 14th Congressional District most of my life; resides in Winfield with wife Christy and four children.

### Why do you wish to run for office?

I'm running for office because I'm tired of the infuriating over spending, corruption, unresponsiveness and ineptitude that defines Washington, D.C. And just as important as ending the Democrats' spending spree, many members of my own party need to be reacquainted with the principles of honesty and fiscal responsibility. Some of what went on when we were in control of Congress wasn't much better. I'm running for Congress because I believe we need real conservatism in Washington, and I'm proud to call myself a real conservative. The government bailouts and stimulus plans have added to our already massive deficits of over \$1.5 trillion, and that's on top of our national debt of over \$12 trillion. This isn't fair to my four children, and it isn't fair to your children or grandchildren, either.

### If you eventually are elected, what will be your top priority?

The top priority and major impetus for my entire Congressional campaign is to restore fiscal sanity in Washington. The national debt of over \$12 trillion today translates to over \$39,000 per citizen and over \$110,000 per taxpayer. We spent over \$200 billion this year alone just to service that debt. That's money that could have been used to buy body armor for our soldiers, educate our children, research new sources of energy, or even better, never have been taxed from people to begin with. I have outlined a list of very specific reforms, tax credits, and areas to reduce spending, on my Web site: [www.HultgrenForCongress.com](http://www.HultgrenForCongress.com).

### What experience do you have that make you a good fit for the office that you are running for?

I've served on the county board, on the forest preserve commission, as state representative and as state senator. I won't just talk about how we ought to have lower taxes, safer communities and less government waste and interference; I have a strong track record of real legislative victories built on those principals. My legislative victories include passage of medical malpractice reforms, sponsoring a property tax assessment freeze, fighting the Blagojevich Gross Receipts Tax, and passing legislation to protect seniors from identity theft. I've been endorsed by Illinois Citizens for Life, Illinois Federation for Right to Life, National Taxpayers United, Eagle Forum and Concerned Women for America. I've been named: Champion of Free Enterprise by the Chamber of Commerce, Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business, I have an "A" rating from the NRA, and I was awarded for Excellence in Government by the Illinois Crime Commission.

