

OUR OPINIONS

Election recommendations

This newspaper makes the following recommendations for Saturday's ballot.
1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Voters who are registered Democrats or Republicans can vote in their respective party primaries. Voters who are unaffiliated, registered with a non-recognized party or with no political party are allowed to vote in the Democratic primary. Only voters registered as Republican can vote in the Republican Primary.

We are making recommendations in each primary. Winners in the primary will face each other and independent candidates in a general election in April or May.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY Steve Scalise

Mr. Scalise, a computer systems engineer, has served three terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives and was elected to the state Senate last fall. His signature accomplishment in the Legislature was the passage of his bill to create the state's tax incentive program for the film industry. He also was an early backer of the effort to consolidate levee boards in greater New Orleans post-Katrina and has consistently pushed for fiscal prudence.

Mr. Scalise, who is a graduate of Louisiana State University, pledges to fight for federal funding of so-called Category 5 hurricane protection and a fair share of offshore oil revenues. His experience in Baton Rouge would allow him to make a quick start in Congress.

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