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In 36th district It's State Rep Goss -- by 267 votes

BY JIM WHITE

It was tight precinct by precinct, but in the end, Georgina Goss won yesterday's special Republican primary for the 36th State Representative District.

Since no Democrats ran, Goss is virtually assured of winning the special general election Aug. 27.

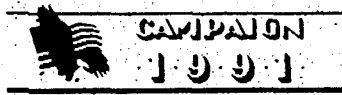
Unofficially, Goss won 3,061 votes throughout the district, which includes all of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth and Northville townships, and parts of the City of Northville and Canton.

Jerry Vorva won 2,794 votes, while Deborah Whyman finished a close third with 2,517 votes.

"I'm so excited!" said Goss after the results were in. "I can't believe it. It just shows me that dreams can come true."

In an emotional moment, Vorva walked into Goss headquarters about 10:30 p.m. and asked for the partying crowd's attention. "I personally congratulate Georgina on a fine Republican victory. This speaks well of Republicans," Vorva said. (The defeated candidate's wife, Joan, squeezed his arm as they rounded the corner into Goss' party.)

Goss said, "It was a really tough race against very able opponents. I'm looking forward to working with both of them (Vorva and Whyman) in



representing all my constituents."

The race was won in Northville and Northville Township.

Goss carried Northville Township, where she presently serves as supervisor, by winning 953 votes. But Whyman, a Canton resident, finished second there with 635 votes and Vorva collected 305. (Whyman's family is from Northville and she still attends church there. Much of her campaign donations came from Northville.)

Goss also captured the City of Northville with 167 votes. Whyman won 126 and Vorva garnered 58.

Whyman fared best in her home ground - Canton. She won all but two of the 16 Canton precincts located in the 36th District. Her vote tally was 805 compared to Vorva's 661 votes and Goss' 523.

Vorva carried both Plymouth and Plymouth Township. He garnered 1,035 votes in the township; Goss and Whyman picked up 990 and 681 votes, respectively.

In the City of Plymouth, where Vorva was a police officer for 10 years and where he is presently a city

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U.S. Representative Carl Pursell congratulates Georgina Goss, likely the next state representative for the 36th District, last night at Goss campaign headquarters. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Goss victory in State House race a classic



Divided loyalties abounded in yesterday's special election for the 36th District State Representative seat. The partners of this accounting firm backed opposing candidates. (Crier photo by W. Edward Wendover)

Analysis

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
Georgina Goss' gamble paid off.

But not because she and her "mainstream" Republican advisors planned it that way.

Goss won because Deborah Whyman grabbed far more Northville Township and City of Northville votes than anyone expected - and that sunk Goss' closer challenger, Jerry Vorva.

Whyman beat Vorva by 330 votes in Northville Township and by 68 votes in the City of Northville.

Since Vorva lost by 267 votes total, his loss can be laid in his Northville flop. Vorva beat Goss in Canton - Whyman's home town.

The all-along plan for Goss was to identify the likely voters of Republican primaries and get them to vote her way.

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☆	Georgina Goss	Jerry Vorva	Deborah Whyman
Canton	523	661	805
Northville	167	58	126
Northville Township	953	305	635
Plymouth	428	735	270
Plymouth Township	990	1,035	681
TOTAL:	3,061	2,794	2,517

This is a breakdown of last night's unofficial election results in the 36th State Rep primary race.