

bio – Collins Bailey

candidate for Maryland 5th Congressional District

“There are responsibilities and opportunities. A wise man can balance the two and live in peace.” That is a quote that I heard as a small child and is foundational to how I live my life.

I was born and raised in Maryland, District 5. Many years ago, I met this wonderful gal in high school, and my wife Pam and I have now enjoyed 35 years of marriage.

I have four wonderful children. Recognizing that I am responsible for my children’s education, I have been elected four times to the Charles County School Board, currently in my 16th year of service.

I am not a politician, although I have been involved in politics since my early teens. I truly appreciate and embrace the process and policies of the Constitution. There may not be a finer and more inspired document with the exception of the Bible. Congressman Ron Paul has honored me with a wonderful endorsement which is proudly displayed on my website.

For over 30 years I have owned my own small business. Some years have been leaner financially than others, but by understanding that I have a responsibility to live within my means and to minimize the risk of burden on anyone, I have never incurred personal debt. I live my life and run my campaign frugally. I believe this is my responsibility.

If elected, I will receive no salary, no healthcare benefits, and no retirement for my first term; not because I am “filthy rich”, but because, although I see being an involved American is my responsibility, I see running Congress as an opportunity. We could stop “pork barrel” spending in one day, if your salary (and vote) is not tied to those with special interests.

Some say I am somewhat of a historian and even a “Constitutionalist”, for I believe that it is my responsibility and honor to live within the words and spirit of the Constitution. I have studied the issues that are facing America today and I am confident that by voting-in a Congress who sees it as their responsibility to embrace the articles as set by forth by the Constitution, our country can recover from the devastating blows that have been bankrupting Americans - financially, ethically and morally - for decades.

Respecting and abiding by the document that brought this country to life is the unequivocal responsibility of Congress.

I am running for the United States Congress against the incumbent of 28 years, Steny Hoyer; not a small task, but a fantastic opportunity. This is my second time around, running against Congressman Hoyer in 2008, I received over 25% of the votes.

I am excited for the opportunity before me, but even more so for the opportunity that Maryland and many other states in these great United States have, to elect knowledgeable, resourceful, responsible, “untainted” Americans, who are willing to stand in the gap and restore our nation to original greatness - a country designed like non other, where there is “liberty and justice for all.”