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THE 44th PRESIDENT

IN HISTORIC RUN, OBAMA WINS WHITE HOUSE

BARACK OBAMA
52% POPULAR
349 ELECTORAL

JOHN MCCAIN
47% POPULAR
159 ELECTORAL



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By Michael D. Shear and Robert Barnes The Washington Post
WASHINGTON

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois was elected the nation's 44th president Tuesday, riding a reformist message of change and an inspirational exhortation of hope to become the first African-American to ascend to the White House.

Obama, 47, the son of a Kenyan father and a white mother from Kansas, led a tide of Democratic victories across the nation in defeating Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a 26-year veteran of Washington who could not overcome his connections to President Bush's increasingly unpopular administration.

Standing before a crowd of more than 125,000 that had waited for hours at Chicago's Grant Park, Obama acknowledged the accomplishment and the dreams of his supporters.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the

dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said just before 11 p.m.

"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you: We as a people will get there."

The historic Election Day brought millions of new and sometimes tearful voters, long lines at polling places nationwide, and celebrations on street corners and in front of the White House. It ushered in a new era of Democratic dominance in Congress, even

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President-elect Barack Obama acknowledges the cheers and tears of thousands as he takes the stage at his election night party in Grant Park, Chicago, on Tuesday.

U.S. SENATE		
MARY LANDRIEU	963,905	52%
JOHN KENNEDY	855,723	46%

Landrieu takes a third term

By Ed Anderson and Bill Barrow Capital bureau



Once targeted by national Republicans as the U.S. Senate's most vulnerable Democratic incumbent, Sen. Mary Landrieu defeated GOP state Treasurer John Kennedy on Tuesday to claim a third term.

Landrieu, who won by narrow margins in 1996 and 2002, took a slightly more comfortable victory against the backdrop of her diminished Democratic base of pre-Katrina New Orleans.

Joined by her large family and former

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HOUSE, 1ST DISTRICT		
STEVE SCALISE	178,355	66%
JIM HARLAN	91,589	34%

Scalise wins 1st District

By Mary Sparacello Kenner bureau



U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise turned back an aggressive \$1.3 million challenge from Jim Harlan on Tuesday to win a full term representing the congressional 1st District.

"This has been a hard-fought campaign," Scalise, 43, told backers at Andrea's restaurant in Metairie. "The last few months have been a really challenging time for my family."

Scalise, a Republican from Old Jefferson, served 12 years as a state legislator, then

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HOUSE, 2ND DISTRICT		
WILLIAM JEFFERSON	83,211	56%
HELENA MORENO	65,230	44%

Jefferson beats Moreno

By Frank Donze and Michelle Krupa Staff writers



With his trial on federal corruption charges looming and questions swirling about his effectiveness in Congress, U.S. Rep. William Jefferson cruised to an easy victory Tuesday in the Democratic Party runoff for the 2nd Congressional District.

The decisive win over Helena Moreno, a former TV news anchor and political newcomer, ensures Jefferson a spot in the Dec. 6 general election. With two-thirds of the district's voters registered as Democrats,

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