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Why is Connie Mack Afraid of this Woman?

A dark horse enters the race for GOP Senate nominee.

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In the U.S. Senate race in Florida, GOP front-runner Connie Mack believes he has the nomination sewn up. Surprisingly, he doesn't. A dark horse has entered the race and is breathing fire down his back, namely Marielena Stuart of Naples. Actually, Stuart has been in the race for nine months but is a relative unknown primarily because of Mack's name recognition and Stuart's limited campaign budget. Things are changing though, as her grass roots campaign is catching on and Stuart is finally being allowed to speak at events hosted by the GOP establishment where she is faring quite well.

Stuart is an unapologetic conservative whose oratory is forthright and to the point. She makes no bones she is against Socialism and no fan of President Obama. Born in Cuba, she immigrated to

the United States at age 11 where her family settled in Los Angeles. As an adult, she moved to the Naples area in 2007. During her speeches, she touts traditional American values, particularly the sanctity of marriage and the family unit. She is well versed in history and possesses an impressive understanding of the various cultures of the world. Frankly, she is not happy with the direction the country has taken in recent years which compelled her to become active in public affairs. Although she has not held office, she has a persuasive personality for arguing her case, be it the dismantling of the Department of Education and EPA, revoking Obamacare, overturning Roe vs Wade, and the dangers of the U.N's Agenda 21. Her oratory is not just catch phrases either, but compelling arguments which demonstrates she knows what she is talking about. What she describes is nothing less than a cultural and economic crisis caused by socialism creeping into the fabric of our society.

Marielena's oratory captivates audiences but scares moderates as she speaks forcefully and from the heart. Following the recent Supreme Court decisions regarding Obamacare and Arizona immigration, Stuart is very much in demand for her opinions. Although she was initially avoided, she has recently been invited to speak at GOP events and is creating a head of steam heading into the party primaries in August. Recently, she debated other candidates at the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee meeting where she won the straw pole in a landslide, thereby forcing former Sen. George LeMieux to bow out of the race. Since then, her audiences are getting larger and political support is growing. So far, Rep. Connie Mack IV, who is also vying for the Republican nomination, has avoided debating her and, instead, concentrating on endorsements from such GOP heavyweights as former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, presumptive Presidential nominee Mitt Romney, and Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi.

Mack's name recognition is such that he probably believes he does not have to fight for the nomination and instead is already focusing his sights on incumbent Senator Bill Nelson (D). He avoided the Pinellas debate and, so far, has no intention of

debating Stuart. This leaves Florida Republicans scratching their heads as they are wondering how Mack would do in a debate with Stuart. Mack likely will take no chance and avoid any such confrontation, preferring the safety of the GOP establishment instead. It's a pity too, as such a debate between Mack and Stuart would be very informative, particularly between the four-term moderate Congressman and Stuart, the conservative newbie. Avoiding Stuart though is causing Mack to lose points with the party faithful who wonder what he is afraid of, particularly since he is a seasoned Congressman. Unfortunately, it looks like we'll never get to know.

For more information on Marielena Stuart, visit her web site at: <http://www.stuart2012.com/>

Tim Bryce June 29, 2012 at 08:54 pm

Marielena was the guest speaker at the North Pinellas Republican Club meeting held at the Palm Harbor Library on Thursday, June 28th (the first time I ever heard her speak).

Tom Kulaga June 30, 2012 at 08:47 am

After watching Reaganomics for 30+ years and the republican platform yada yada, I think the country in general moved towards Socialism behind the R's much more so than their claims that Obamacare and the D's are at fault of such. Back in the 60's and 70's the average working class person had a chance to earn a living wage and could raise a healthy family. Today the average working class person has no chance whatsoever unless s/he is in a very limited career field and even then the earnings potential are no where near what was in the past. Take a doctor for an example. Doctors today earn one third of what they did back in the day. Wake up America, vote the R incumbents out of office, it can't get any worse than it is.

Ron Gonzalez July 2, 2012 at 04:57 am

Great article Tim! I will be voting for Ms Stuart. She is not a "Washington Insider"! Mack has done nothing impressive during his four terms. Why should we give him the opportunity to be a US Senator? Call me skeptical, but when an experienced Congressman avoids a debate with a political novice with sincere conviction, it makes me nervous. I have heard Stuart

speak and I like her honest and concise reasons for her running for such an important office.

art seeker July 7, 2012 at 01:29 am
She's an outstanding candidate.

Bob July 7, 2012 at 07:22 am

I've heard Stuart speak many times and feel she is the only candidate that can take Nelson down. Don't be fooled by the Republican party machine and vote for Mack.

Happy July 22, 2012 at 06:57 pm

I heard her Memorial Day speech and it brought tears to my eyes because she actually gets it. She tells it like it is and because she knows socialism from living it she has a story to tell and why we should not allow our beloved country to go down that pathway. Because she was so close to it, she can identify the subtle signs, the nuances, the methods in which it is rolled out to the population. I really think that she is the best person for the job. Baynews9 just cancelled the debate with Mack...betcha Mack is scared to debate her or BN9 is manipulating the election. My money is on Mack being chicken. Time for a breath of fresh air - not the same ole stale stuff from Mack where he doesn't always vote for anything.

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