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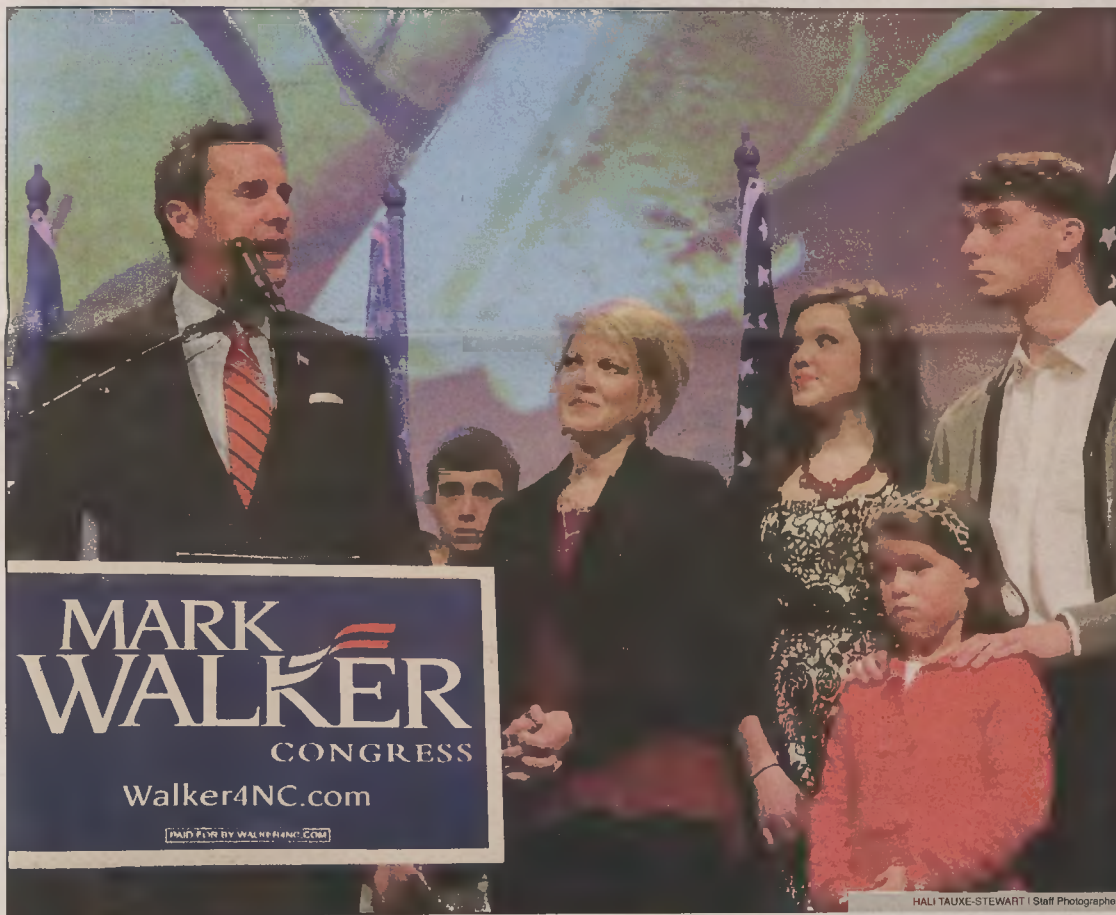
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Republicans reign supreme *Tillis, Walker, Elmers emerge victorious*



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It was a good night for North Carolina Republicans. North Carolina Speaker of the House Thom Tillis came out on top in one of the nation's closest Senate races two and a half hours after Republican Mark Walker earned a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Walker, who celebrated at Life Community church just outside Greensboro, represented District 06, which includes Alamance County. He will replace Howard Coble who recently retired after 30 years in office.

The North Carolina Senate race has been considered one of the most important in the country, with party control for U.S. Senate hanging in the balance. Either candidate's victory would have tipped the balance of party control in Washington, D.C.

"The Democrats have proven that they are incompetent for regulating business," said Jeffrey Berlin, a Charlotte resident. "Tillis has shown that with his reform of the tax code that he has helped business climate."

Hundreds of North Carolinians came out to support Hagan, who also rallied in Greensboro, each with their own reason for casting their votes for her.

Sara Thompson, a first grade teacher at Easton Elementary School in Winston-Salem, said she appreciated Hagan's support for education.

"I work so hard because I have 19 kids that deserve me working so hard, but we don't get the support or the supplies we need from the government," she said. "I think that her focus is on education."

The race for the North Carolina Senate seat was among the closest and most expensive in the U.S. with more than \$100 million spent between the two campaigns. Two-thirds of that money was spent by outside groups.

When voters arrived at polls on Tuesday, there was no clear indication of who had the majority. The latest Elon University Poll had Hagan leading Tillis by a margin of just 4 percent. Hagan maintained a slight lead over Tillis throughout the campaign, despite a late surge by the Republican candidate.

Supporters of Tillis who came out to the election party at the Omni Hotel in Charlotte were optimistic at the beginning of the night.

"Hagan's tough," said Justin Stewart, a Charlotte resident who was at the hotel. "I believe in the voters, and if we're still in charge, we'll do alright."

Others were convinced Tillis' experience



(Clockwise from top) Republican Mark Walker celebrates winning the race against Laura Field for representative of U.S. District 06, as his family watches on. Walker replaced Howard Coble, who served as representative for thirty years. (2) Mary Tiger, with her child, Caroline, casts her ballot at Perry Harrison Elementary School near Pittsboro. (3) Incumbent Republican Renee Elmers waves to the crowd after beating Clay Aiken in the race for representative of U.S. District 02.

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