



State Senator Georgianna Lincoln (D-Rampart) visits with students at the Fort Yukon School and announced her candidacy to run for Congress.

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Athabaskan announces candidacy

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Rampart is a small Yukon River village of 63. It is the hometown of State Senator Georgianna Lincoln. Upriver, where the Porcupine and Yukon Rivers meet, is Fort Yukon, population about 700, the town that Congressman Don Young, calls home.

Ft. Yukon is where Georgianna Lincoln made her announcement to run for Young's congressional seat.

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"I will take the spirit, energy and effectiveness with which I have represented Alaska and take it to the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C. on behalf of all Alaskans," said Lincoln in a press conference held in the Ft. Yukon School Gym February 16.

"Times have changed since my opponent was first elected," said Lincoln. "Today, we have a Democratic administration both in Washington and in Juneau whom I have worked with in improving life for all of us. Together we can take on the big problems that are eating at Alaska's soul."

An outspoken Athabascan, Lincoln will battle 12-term incumbent Young for Alaska's only congressional seat. Lincoln vowed to keep a positive campaign.

"This campaign will not be about negative attacks nor cheap shots – at least not by me," said Lincoln. "This campaign is about wanting to do a better job, building trust and help in government – and wanting you to be proud of the job we can do together."

"I know Alaska from the ground up," said Lincoln, "from our fishing grounds to our corporate board rooms."

Don Young received an endorsement from the Alaska Federation of Natives during its 1995 convention.

"I don't think that will hurt me," said Lincoln. "People are free to vote as they choose. People from all around the state have asked me to run."