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Cullerton endorses Giannoulias for U.S. Senate bid *Illinois Senate President throws support to Giannoulias' 2010 campaign*

Illinois Senate President John Cullerton today officially endorsed State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias in his bid for U.S. Senate in 2010.

Cullerton joins a growing list of more than [85 elected officials](#) who have signed up to support Giannoulias, who is the only announced Democrat running for the seat formerly held by President Barack Obama.

In addition to Cullerton, the following elected office holders announced their support for Giannoulias today: State Senator Maggie Crotty, State Senator Bill Haine, State Senator Linda Holmes, State Senator Louis Viverito, State Representative Deb Mell, Chicago Alderman Toni Foulkes, Chicago Alderman Leslie Hairston, and Effingham County Chairman Randy Becker.

Assistant Senate Majority Leader James Clayborne of Belleville has also endorsed Giannoulias in the Feb. 2 primary election.

Cullerton, who has worked with the Treasurer on a number of issues and has supported many of his legislative initiatives, believes Giannoulias will serve Illinois residents well and focus his efforts on reviving the economy and putting Illinois residents back to work.

“Alexi Giannoulias is a rising star of the Democratic Party and will fight hard for working families and against the special interests in Washington,” Cullerton said. “As Treasurer, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of Illinois residents and to fundamentally change how the Treasurer’s Office operates so it functions more efficiently by cutting waste and getting a better rate of return for the state taxpayers.”

“Senate President Cullerton has displayed the leadership skills needed to help unify lawmakers, loosen the legislative gridlock in Springfield and pass legislation that makes a difference in the lives of Illinoisans during these difficult times,” Giannoulias said. “I am honored to have his endorsement.”