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## Luján to bring home message

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DENVER — Ben R. Luján had his moment in the spotlight Tuesday (Aug. 26) when he joined several candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives on the stage, where Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen told the delegates “we must succeed” in the November election.

Luján joined a group of Democratic Congressional candidates from several battleground states.

The candidate for Congressional District 3 is hoping to replace Congressman Tom Udall, who is running for the U.S. Senate for New Mexico.

“It was pretty incredible, standing on the stage of the national convention,” Luján said. “You could feel the excitement and you could feel the enthusiasm. I’m really anxious to carry back the message of the convention to the Third District.”

Campaigning hard for election over Republican candidate Dan East, Luján will return to New Mexico Wednesday (Aug. 27) for a town hall campaign swing through the northwestern portion of the Congressional district, which includes Taos. Luján held a town meeting Saturday (Aug. 23) in Taos.

“It was a great visit,” he said. “We talked to some people at the town hall meeting and then went to the county fair and the farmers market in Taos before visiting with several local neighborhood groups.”

“We have so much work to do,” Luján continued. “We are going to work to win the Congressional District election and work to get Tom Udall elected to the U.S. Senate and get Barack Obama elected president.”

If he wins in November, Luján will be the “only net pickup in the Congress for Hispanics.”

The Democratic candidate took away strong impressions from the party convention.

“It was really exciting to hold the Convention in Denver. It’s so important to show the country the importance of the Western states — Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada.

People will be hitting the streets to work for the candidates and they will be so inspired by the convention.”

Luján was also encouraged by the diversity of the 5,000 delegates.

“This is truly a diverse crowd. I’ve met people from the Navajo Nation and people from all over the country. It’s inspiring,” he said.