



## Federal Primaries Roundup

Primary elections for Congress and one of two U.S. Senate seats were held across the state yesterday. The following is a quick roundup of the results of the more closely watched elections in the city and Westchester.

**Rep. Charles Rangel**, who has represented New York City's Harlem neighborhood in Congress for more than 41 years and once served as chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, survived a Democratic primary challenge in his newly redrawn district yesterday.

Rangel defeated Washington Heights **state Senator Adriano Espaillat**, who drew among a growing Latino population in the area, to represent the 13<sup>th</sup> district. Democrats make up about 97 percent of the district, so winning the primary virtually ensures that Rangel, 82, co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, will return to Washington in 2013 for another two-year term.

Rangel's fight for his party's nomination was among the most closely watched of several competitive primaries in New York as redistricting and retirements created the opportunity for change in the state and city's Congressional delegation.

**Wendy Long**, a Manhattan attorney who has been a conservative judicial activist, won the Republican nomination to face **Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-Brunswick). The only statewide race in yesterday's federal primaries was among three Republicans hoping to oppose Gillibrand. Long bested Rep. Bob Turner (R-Queens), and Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos, who finished third.

In Brooklyn, **Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries** beat **City Councilman Charles Barron**, a former Black Panther, for the nomination to replace the retiring Rep. Ed Towns.

Also in Brooklyn, **Rep. Nydia Velazquez** (D-Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan), easily defeated **City Council member Erik Dilan** for another two year term in Congress. Dilan's campaign was backed by Brooklyn Democratic boss and member of the state Assembly Vito Lopez. The race had become a more bitterly fought contest than Velazquez had faced in years.

In Queens, **Assemblywoman Grace Meng** (D-Queens) won the nomination to replace retiring Rep. Gary Ackerman. If she wins the general election, Meng will become the first Asian-American ever elected to Congress from New York. She ran with the support of party leaders and beat back a strong challenge from **Assemblyman Rory Lancman** who received the endorsement of former New York City Mayor Ed Koch and other Jewish leaders.

**Sean Patrick Maloney**, a former aide to Eliot Spitzer, led in a Democratic primary in the lower Hudson Valley to face freshman conservative **Congresswoman Nan Hayworth**.

The primaries on Tuesday were challenging, for candidates and voters, because they defied the state's usual political calendar. For decades, the state's Congressional primary has been in September, but this year, a federal court ordered it moved to June to ensure that military voters had enough time to submit absentee ballots for the general election.