

confirmed by state Republican Party

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Edie Morris had a rocky road to the Republican nomination to represent District 18 in the Tennessee State House. Last Wednesday the Republican Party of Tennessee voted 43-1-1 to accept the August primary election results of Morris defeating Gina Ocker by 59 votes.

Morris said he was "grateful for the confidence that the 43 members had in me."

Morris has been affected publicly since

office seekers. From upstage at the August Republican Victory Rally the evening of the primary, blasting the results and calling out Morris.

Ocker pleaded with the state party to accept her as the nominee because she said Morris actively sought Democrat voters in the Republican Primary.

Morris replied to Ocker's accusations through his attorney, Billy Stokes, who stated, "At no point during his campaign did he campaign directly solicit Democrat voters to cross over."

Morris will have three



New Knox County Law Director David Beach takes the oath of office as his mother, Dorothy Beach, holds the Bible and his predecessor, Bud Armstrong, looks on at the installation ceremony held at the Tennessee Theatre on Tuesday morning. Seven county commissioners, four school board members, the criminal court judge, public defender and property assessor also took oaths to serve Knox County that morning.