

## Sailor, businessman to run against McHenry

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Daniel Johnson, a former sailor and double amputee, announced his intentions to run against Representative Patrick McHenry next year.

An assistant Wake County prosecutor, Johnson is seeking the Democratic nomination. Johnson currently resides in Hickory. He promises to “rise above” what he calls “the divisive politics” and represent the values and priorities of the state.

Also bidding for the Democratic nomination is retired Hickory businessman and engineer Steve Ivester, who announced his campaign two weeks ago. Ivester, who ran an unsuccessful campaign for Hickory City Council in 2005, promises his top issues are international reform and healthcare. The primary is in May.

McHenry is a two-term Republican incumbent, who won both elections by wide margins. He is known for his tough stances on immigration and traditional marriage as well as his pro-life values.