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## DID YOU KNOW...

Republicans won three out of four contested special elections held on Tuesday night. Republican candidates in state House special elections in [Iowa](#), [South Carolina](#), and Wisconsin were all victorious. In South Carolina, Nancy Mace, the first ever female graduate of the Citadel, easily defeated her Democratic opponent and will become the 21st female member of the South Carolina legislature upon her swearing in.

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

In an interview with *ABC News*, RSLC President Matt Walter [offered](#) his analysis of the results of the Wisconsin state Senate special election and what it means for the coming midterm elections. "Right now Republicans are playing deep on Democrats' turf after picking up 1,000 seats during the previous decade. And so you're naturally going to have in the first-term election with a new president, you're going to have a regression to the mean from those all-time historic highs," Walter said.

Late last week, Walter was also [featured](#) in an article focusing on the prospects of electing more Republicans to the state legislature in Maryland in 2018. In the interview, Walter highlighted Republican Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford's impressively high approval ratings as an indicator that Republicans have a chance to pick up state legislative seats. "Having Governor Hogan at the top of the ticket is a huge boon to Republican candidates because of the positive, popular way he has governed," Walter said.

Massachusetts Republican Lt. Governor Karyn Polito is [drawing](#) few serious challengers to her re-election bid due to the high approval ratings of the Baker

and Polito administration. Baker and Polito have been favored to win re-election as Baker has the highest approval rating of any governor in the country according to recent polls. In her first term, Polito "has sought to raise the profile of the job through community outreach and other initiatives," [according](#) to the *Gloucester Times*.

Nevada Republican state Senator Becky Harris [resigned](#) from the chamber this past week after she was chosen to lead the Nevada Gaming Control Board. "There is no better person to be appointed to the Gaming Control Board and her historic appointment as the first female chairwoman is befitting considering her resume, which is second to none," Republican Senate Leader Michael Roberson said following the announcement. Harris's seat will remain vacant until the November 2018 midterms.

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