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Ford's Kin Shuns Race For House

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 10 (UPI)—Former State Legislator Thomas G. Ford of Grand Rapids said today he will not seek the nomination for 5th district congressman, a seat vacated because his brother, Gerald R. Ford, has been confirmed as Vice President of the United States.

The four-term veteran of the Michigan House, who was defeated in the last election for the Republican nomination, said he will throw his support to State Sen. Robert Vander Laan, (R-Grand Rapids) who is the front runner for the Republican nomination.

The former state representative was defeated by Peter Kok for the post in the last primary election. He has since been legislative audit coordinator at Lansing.