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-- C-SPAN SPOTLIGHTS MARYLAND SENATE RACE --

-- "Campaign '86" Features Stumping & Senate Candidate in Live TV Forum --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- C-SPAN's "Campaign '86" takes viewers on the actual campaign trail for the final weeks of the race for Maryland's U.S. Senate seat. In an unusual contest, two women -- Democrat Barbara Mikulski and Republican Linda Chavez -- have won party bids to replace retiring Senator Charles Mathias.

On Saturday September 27 at 5:00 pm ET, C-SPAN's roving cameras track Linda Chavez as she canvasses the state. The hour-long telecast includes a speech on education and comparable worth before the National Association of School Administrators, as well as appearances at the Annapolis Rotary Club and the Ellicott City Fair.

Then at 6:00 pm ET, Ms. Chavez fields questions from viewers throughout Maryland and across the country during a live C-SPAN call-in program. A special phone line will be reserved for Maryland callers; C-SPAN plans to alternate between incoming calls from Maryland and all other states. "Viewer Call-In" phone numbers are: *(202) 628-2525 in Maryland and (202) 783-2727 in all other states.*

Democratic contender Rep. Barbara Mikulski has declined to participate in C-SPAN's live viewer call-in format. However, C-SPAN plans to present coverage of Ms. Mikulski's Senate campaign during a "Campaign '86" program date to be announced next month.

C-SPAN's look at the Maryland senate race also features a video collage of Maryland residents, serving as an informal survey of their views on the election issues.

Nearly one-half million Maryland cable viewers can tune-in to these and other C-SPAN programs. Nationally, C-SPAN's 24-hour public affairs offerings are seen in 25 million households, via 2,300 cable system affiliates. For the C-SPAN channel number in your area, contact your local cable operator.

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