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Springfield, VA - August 30th, 2012 - **Hank for Senate wins crucial celebrity endorsement**

The Hank for Senate campaign, featuring a 9-year-old Maine Coon cat running for US Senate, has been many things over the past few months: an introspective look at our political process, a welcome break from the typical and wasteful negative campaigns and, most importantly, a great excuse for more cute cat pictures on the internet. However, Hank's campaign has lacked one important aspect of mainstream political campaigns: a celebrity endorsement.

Today that changes with an exciting new announcement: Homer The Blind Wonder Cat (<http://www.facebook.com/Homerblindcatfans>), star of the New York Times Bestseller, *Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale*, has endorsed Hank for Senate. Homer's mom and author of the book, Gwen Cooper, will appear with Hank at a meet-and-greet scheduled for Saturday, September 22 from 11am until 3:30pm at Felix & Oscar in Springfield, Virginia. Gwen is pleased to represent Homer at the event, during which she will sign books and read from her latest novel, *Love Saves the Day* (available for purchase January, 2013).

"Homer and I are proud to stand by Hank," said Cooper. "Everyone who throws their hat into the political ring seeks to lead, but almost none know how to lead by example the way Hank [and his staff] do. Every single dollar raised at this event will go directly toward improving someone's life. Which of the other candidates can make a similar claim?" At press time, Homer was unavailable for comment due to extreme interest in a tuna sandwich.

Hank and his staff have also secured a deal to offer "Homer's Odyssey" at a special price during the event, with 100% of the profits donated to [Animal Allies](#) and the [Animal Welfare League of Alexandria](#). The event will also feature a raffle of various Hank artwork, Hank for Senate bookmarks, pictures with Hank and Gwen, and much more. In just six months, Hank has raised over \$12,000 for animal rescue groups. For more information about the event, contact Matthew O'Leary at moleary@hankforsenate.com, or visit hankforsenate.com/september.aspx.



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Gwen Cooper, New York Times Bestselling Author

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