

# **Exclusive Interview with Dr Rudolph Moise, Candidate for Congress, Florida's District 17**

[http://www.politicalwrap.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=5123%3Aexclusive-interview-with-drrudolph-moise-candidate-for-congress-floridas-district-17&catid=143%3Ainterview&Itemid=112&limitstart=2](http://www.politicalwrap.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5123%3Aexclusive-interview-with-drrudolph-moise-candidate-for-congress-floridas-district-17&catid=143%3Ainterview&Itemid=112&limitstart=2)

Monday, 05 April 2010 21:42  
Written by Kwame Lumumba

**PW: Dr Rudolph Moise What is the main reason for which you are running for Congress for District 17?**

**Dr. RM:** For as long as I can remember, I have been committed to helping people. I joined the US Airforce Reserve, became a doctor, a lawyer, a businessman, all to be able to help people. Serving our community in Congress is one more way for me to help make people's lives better.

PW: You have been in the community for a very long time, but you have never held any political position. Why do you think that the voters in District 17 should give your campaign any attention?

**Dr. RM:** I believe the people of our community and across our country are tired of politics as usual and tired of career politicians. We can't change Washington if we don't change the kind of people we send to Washington.

The voters in this election want new, fresh ideas, leadership they can trust and most of all someone who will go to Washington and bring back solutions to create more jobs and make sure health care reform works for the people of district 17. That to me sounds like the right reason to support my campaign, those are the issues I pledge to focus on and I'm not a career politician. I am a husband and father, a doctor, a successful businessman and a military officer. I'm ready to lead us on issues like health care, creating good jobs and keeping our community safe.

PW: When you put an "R" or "D" after your name, then you make it more challenging for those people to vote for you who have supported you in the past. Why you think people should vote for you?

**Dr. RM:** I think people should support me because I am a doctor, a successful businessman and a military officer. Because I am businessman, I am best qualified to create good job. I started my businesses with a small government loan so I know what a difference leadership in Washington can make. Because I am a doctor, I am

**best qualified to help Obama make health care reform work for us all. Those are the top two issues in our community right now so I ask for people to support my campaign and send me to fight for them in Congress.**

PW: How long have you been practicing law?

**Dr. RM: I do not practice law. I got my law degree because it made sense for me to understand how our legal system works. Knowledge is power.**

PW: What inspired you to run for office?

**Dr. RM: I decided to run for office to continue my service to our community. I believe that voters want to send fresh, new ideas to represent them...not more career politicians. I know the top concerns of voters are creating more good jobs and making health care affordable and accessible. As a businessman and doctor, my experience can make the difference for our district.**

PW: Can you address a couple of the hot-button issues for you in District 17?

**Dr. RM: Hands down, the top issues are jobs and healthcare. Here are my position papers on each issue: [healthcare jobs](#). See where I stand on other issues by [clicking here](#).**

PW: If you are elected to go to Washington, what will be the first item that you will push for the district and how do you intend to do so?

**Dr. RM: Again, creating jobs is the top priority of my campaign. [Click here to read what I would do to create jobs](#).**

PW: Based on the word from the street there are many people who think that you are running for the District 17 seat without a political agenda and they think that one of the reasons you wish to run is because you are wealthy and you have some of the elite Miami political machine members pushing you to do so. Please, can you elaborate on these rumors and tell the readers of [Politicalwrap.com](#) the real reason why you want to go to Washington DC?

**Dr. RM: Ive worked hard and been able to realize the American Dream. I believe everyone deserves that opportunity and I am running to make people's lives better. If readers want to read my priorities for office, [please click here](#).**

**I don't spend time responding to political rumors, in fact, the people of district 17 are tired of politics as usual and rumor mill politics. We need to move forward, and**

**we can't do that if we spend time playing dirty political games. I am running to change the way Washington does business and that includes stopping the dirty political games.**

PW: As a Haitian American, is your campaign being run on the hope that the Haitian American community will support you or are you reaching out to the at-large community of the entire district?

**Dr. RM: Every vote counts. I am working hard to earn the support of every voter possible.**

PW: Do you have strong support from your own Haitian American community? There are two or three other Haitian Americans running for the District 17 seat, some of whom have already held political office. How do you plan to instill confidence in the Haitian American backers of your campaign?

**Dr. RM: I plan to earn the support of Haitian voters in the same way I earn the support of any other voter across our community, lots of hard work. I have been visiting with voters door-to-door, and making phone calls. We will need to do some mass communication too, at the end of the day, its going to be a lot of hard work.**

PW: You know that Haiti has just suffered a devastating earthquake in which many people lost their lives. How do you plan to help the survivors in Haiti if you are elected?

**Dr. RM:**

**Haiti was in great need before the earthquake. After the earthquake, the challenges have been compounded. The day after the earthquake, I was deployed to Haiti as a member of the Miami-Dade Search and Rescue Task Force and helped pull people from the rubble and administered medical care. My team and I saved 11 lives.**

**When I returned home, I continued my work and have collected and shipped more than 300,000 donated items to the island nation. If I win this election or I do not win this election, my commitment to help Haiti will never waiver, never change. I will help as long as there is need.**

**Here are some specific issue positions:**

***Reconstruction:***

I believe the reconstruction effort in Haiti must include a comprehensive plan that puts Haitians to work creating a new foundation for their nation and society. I know that Haiti will only thrive in recovery if its people are at the ones receiving the jobs and contracts for its rebuilding.

I am committed to ensuring that Haiti remains a top priority for the International Community. The United States, as well as a host of other prominent international

organizations, must provide financial and logistical support to the Haitian people as they seek to rebuild. I believe that a key element of any plan for international involvement should must involve debt forgiveness, and praises efforts that are currently under way to relieve Haiti of this unnecessary and ineffective burden.

***Temporary Protected Status (T.P.S.) for Haitian Nationals:***

I believe that the Obama Administration's decision to grant Temporary Protective Status to Haitian nationals was a major step in the right direction. TPS became essential for the thousands of Haitians who came to the United States after the earthquake and for the more than 30,000 Haitian nationals being held in immigration facilities. This policy will help put Haitians back to work and will allow them to contribute greatly to the rebuilding of their country.

Temporary solutions, however, do not go far enough. Haiti needs to be the beneficiary of a policy similar to that of Cuba's "wet foot, dry foot" policy. Once Haitians make it onto American soil, its people should be allowed to apply for legal permanent resident status in the United States.

PW: What is your position on the Obama Health Care Reform that just became law? Did you support the Health Care Reform? If not, can you tell our readers why you didn't?

**Dr. RM: I did support HCR. [Click here](#) for more on where I stand on healthcare.**

PW: Who is Dr. Rudolph Moise? Please elaborate.

**Dr. RM: I am husband and father. I am a businessman, a physician, and a military officer. I am a man of strong faith and belief in God. I am someone who wants to continue my more than 30 years of service to our community and country so I can help make people's lives better.**

PW: How confident that are you that you're able to get votes from the African American voters in District 17, and how well do they know Dr. Moise?

**Dr. RM: African Americans, Anglo Americans, Caribbean Americans, Hispanic Americans all share common values. They all share common needs. Right now, this race is about who can create jobs, who can help Obama make HCR work, and who can help keep our community and country safe. I'm running to represent all of the people of the district, not just one group of people, so I focus on the issues that matter like jobs and healthcare and housing and education.**

**I have been doing the hard work of introducing myself to the voters and sharing my plans; there is more work to do.**

PW: Dr. Moise, I myself live in District 17 and I'm aware of the political rhetoric that exists when a candidate is running for office. Many promises are made and, once office is achieved, the promises are never delivered on. Why should I and the people in District 17 vote for you in November 2010?

**Dr. RM: I understand why voters feel lied to. For so long, its been politics as usual...career politicians making promises and breaking them. I am different. I am not a career politician. I won't do what politicians do. I am a servant and a statesman; if I am elected, Ill never become a politician. Politicians care about being re-elected, statesman care about doing what's right for their community.**

PW: Dr. Moise thank you for the interview. Good luck to you during the rest of your campaign.

**Dr. RM: Thank you for the opportunity to answer these questions. I appreciate your taking the time to find out about where I stand on the issues that matter and I applaud your efforts to help share information with the community.**