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The Sioux City Journal is our regional newspaper. It is a conservative paper considered to be the balance to the more liberal Des Moines Register in Iowa. The Journal has endorsed Congressman Steve King in every one of his runs for Congress. . .until now. Some were likely surprised that the Sioux City Journal endorsed Steve King's opponent, JD Scholten, for this election. I wasn't. There comes a time when it just gets to be too much and King crossed that line for many when coming out as an unabashed white supremacist. He even has his supporters defending white supremacism. The Journal also noted King's lack of district constituent representation in Congress. He is ineffective as a problem solver, only adding to the extreme partisan noise on cable TV. Not even his own party leadership wanted anything to do with him as being too extreme. He rejected having town halls, saying they only provided a platform for protestors. All the other IA politicians have them but then again none of them are white supremacists. One could call King honest for coming out of the closet. It puts him and his branch of evangelical supporters in the category however of being Klan. Some evangelicals split supporting Scholten this time. As I shared recently in this report, there is an old history of KKK in the 4th District. I have seen pictures of the KKK parading down Pennsylvania Avenue in their white hats and robes in the 1920s. They got permission from Washington DC government to have the parade as long as they did not wear their masks. What surprised me was the size of the crowds lining Pennsylvania Avenue who had come to support them. The only thing that changes over time is who they choose to hate. King is focused on his ideology, knows little to nothing about Agriculture and supported the ethanol industry nemesis Ted Cruz. The Journal was impressed with JD Scholten. JD told me that he will not vote to ban guns and will not vote for Pelosi for Speaker. He will be a constituent interest representative which Steve King is not. How King has been elected despite his flaws is because there are 190,000 registered Republicans, 120,000 registered Democrats and 170,000 independents in this district. What is unusual is that Republicans out number independents, who represent the largest voting block nationwide. This election will define who Republicans are in this district. Are they in the closet too? Most polls have King ahead.

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