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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Midterm Primary Results]

DAVID MUIR: Now to the first major primary in the midterm election year, the Senate showdown in Texas. Democrats tonight hopeful they might have a chance in Texas pointing to turnout last night. On the Republican side, quite a political battle ahead. And here's Jonathan Karl.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Midterm Primary Results; Democrats United After Talarico Beats Crockett in Texas]

JONATHAN KARL: Tonight, Democrats see an opening in deep red Texas. State lawmaker James Talarico — an aspiring Presbyterian minister — defeated Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett in the primary to be the Democratic candidate for Senate. Talarico is running against what he calls the politics of division, emphasizing compassion. [TO TALARICO] Now, I notice you don't talk about Trump very much. At least if your ads, it's not, like, much of a factor. Why is that?

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JAMES TALARICO (D-TX): Aren't we all tired talking about Donald Trump? It's been ten years. I want to talk about something else.

KARL: The President is front and center in the Republican Senate primary where John Cornyn is facing a bruising runoff against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Midterm Primary Results; Texas GOP Incumbent Sen. Cornyn Faces Off With Paxton]

SENATOR JOHN CORNYN (R-TX): I refuse to allow a flawed, self-centered, and shameless candidate like Ken Paxton to risk everything we worked so hard to build over these many years.

KARL: Paxton accuses Cornyn of being disloyal to President Trump.

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN PAXTON (R): For too long, he stabbed our President in the back by trying to derail his presidential campaigns.

KARL: Now, Trump hasn't endorsed either candidate, but now that's going to a runoff, he said he will, posting on social media, "I will be making my endorsement soon and we will be asking the candidate that I don't endorse to immediately drop out of the race." David, we'll see if that happens.

MUIR: A lot of fireworks still to come. Jon Karl, thank you.