

which revealed a marketing plan geared to teenagers. As a result of this and other unsavory revelations about the industry, I feel the tobacco lobby has zero clout on Capitol Hill today.

This editorial clearly illustrates that the current debate over the tobacco issue is not one of who favors stopping teen smoking and lung disease. We all favor that. The question is whether we get there through legislation that specifically targets teen smoking without a net tax increase, as most of my Republican colleagues and I favor, or do we get there by passing a large tax increase on the poor, using the increased revenue to line the pockets of trial lawyers, fund bigger government spending on new programs, and create even more federal bureaucracy, as the Clinton administration favors. That is the choice we face.

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#### BLOWING SMOKE

Newt Gingrich said the other day that President Clinton was insincere in his support of tobacco legislation, and President Clinton responded with a counter-attack. A better option was available to him. The president should have abandoned the insincerity.

This is not a question of who cares about children or who cares about stopping lung disease," the Republican House speaker is quoted as having said in a speech. "This is an issue about whether or not liberals deliberately used a passionate, powerful, emotional issue as an excuse for higher taxes, bigger government and more bureaucracy."

For those unkind words and others, President Clinton orchestrated a response in which he and other Democrats essentially called Gingrich a shill for the tobacco industry and accused him of being someone who doesn't much care if teens start smoking and eventually die from lung cancer.

But Gingrich spoke the unvarnished truth. The White House has been supporting legislation that would increase federal regulatory powers, abridge First Amendment free-speech protections and hike cigarette taxes that are disproportionately paid by people with low incomes. The revenues, Clinton has made clear, would then be used for expensive new programs mainly benefiting the middle class.

Some 98 percent of smokers are adults and the proposed \$1.10-a-pack tax would only cause an estimated 2 percent drop in teen smoking. Nevertheless, Gingrich himself has said he would support a tax increase if it would not be so high as to cause a black market in cigarettes. What he doesn't support is the way the White House plans to spend the money, and here's where presidential sincerity can be measured. If the president and the Democrats truly want to curb teen smoking instead of bribing voters with new giveaways, why not use the extra funds for anti-smoking campaigns? Or the White House could do what Gingrich favors and support using the revenue for health care costs.

Because of an escalating greed for revenues, the administration-supported bill sponsored by Republican Sen. John McCain may now be dead. But if the president should get his way, the government would become a kind of shareholder in the tobacco industry, counting on its ongoing prosperity for the continued financing of programs that might well grow in popularity.

Do the president's actions, then, demonstrate that he cares about saving teens from smoking and premature death, or do they demonstrate that he cares about political advantage?

It doesn't take a Ph.D. in political science to figure out the answer.

#### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COL. JOSEPH T. COX ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. ARMY

#### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 1998*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a soldier and a gentleman on the occasion of his retirement. Col. Joseph T. Cox will retire Friday, May 15, 1998, after thirty years of distinguished service in the United States Army.

Joe Cox was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps after graduating with honors from Lafayette College in 1968. During his career, he served as both a group and battalion communications officer in the Republic of Vietnam, as Commander of the 501st Signal Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division, and as a permanent Professor of English at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

In a nation that reveres diversity as strength, Col. Cox's career is uniquely American. As a soldier, he has mastered the art of warfare, earning a Ranger tab, receiving two bronze stars, and numerous other military awards. As a teacher, he has inspired countless young men and women to master the art of the written word and an appreciation for poetry. As a mentor, he has shown by example the importance of personal honor and choosing the harder right over the easier wrong. As a husband and father, he has kept his family at the center of his life.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Cox is a soft-spoken gentleman whose record of service speaks loudly for what is good about America. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service to country and in wishing he and his family all the best as he opens a new chapter in his life. May he fully enjoy the blessings of the freedom he has so ably defended as an officer in the United States Army.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 1998*

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, May 13, 1998 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

The Ninth Congressional District has changed dramatically since I came to Congress in 1965. Southern Indiana has retained its rural character, but our communities are now more closely linked to the national and global economies. Hoosier farmers and businesses now sell their products throughout the world, and we are attracting more businesses, including major corporations like Toyota and AK Steel, than ever before.

There have been many important players in this economic development, from entre-

preneurs to community leaders to local, state and federal officials. It has been my privilege to have worked with them on a wide range of projects which have helped make southern Indiana what it is today: a region with a booming economy, record-low unemployment and a rising standard of living.

During the 34 years I have been in Congress, approximately \$2 billion in federal grants and loans have been directed to the communities of the Ninth Congressional District. Those funds have served a wide range of purposes in promoting growth, development and quality of life for Hoosier residents.

#### TYPES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Federal support has aided development in six key areas:

##### HIGHWAYS AND AIRPORTS

Federal funding has helped transform our transportation system in southern Indiana. The I-64 and I-65 corridors have provided Hoosier businesses with a vital link to the national economy, and have attracted numerous companies and well-paying jobs to our state. I-65, for example, has become a magnet for growth, with many manufacturers and major distribution centers locating along the corridor. We are working now to complete the I-265 beltway in the greater Louisville area and make other highway improvements to the region, including construction of a new U.S. 231 in Spencer County. Federal funds have also helped with the development and expansion of smaller airports in southern Indiana as well as major national airports in Louisville, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis.

##### OHIO RIVER

The Ohio River has been a powerful force in our region's economy, transporting commodities and creating thousands of jobs. The Clark Maritime Centre with key federal assistance, has given a boost to our river economy. Even if Hoosiers are not in agreement about river-boat gambling, there is no way to ignore the economic impact of this new industry which will bring an investment of \$1 billion to the area and the creation of some 15,000 jobs. The Ohio River is also one of the most comprehensively managed rivers in the world, with 20 locks and dams and a network of flood-walls and levees to protect river communities. The federal government built this navigation system, and with my support, is modernizing the McAlpine Locks and Dam in New Albany and renovating flood protection facilities from Lawrenceburg to Evansville.

##### REDEVELOPMENT

Military base closings, factory closings and natural disasters have placed strains on some of our communities over the years. The federal government has helped these communities to successfully recover. I have pushed the Army to clean up the Jefferson Proving Ground in Madison so that it can be turned to productive use; helped community leaders in Clark County as they prepare to redevelop the ammunition plant in Charlestown; and worked with several communities as they recovered from natural disasters—most notably the flood-plagued Town of English, which decided to move to higher ground. Last year, for example, the federal government made a special allocation of \$6.5 million to help river communities rebuild after the 1997 floods.

##### WATER AND SEWER

Constructing water and sewer systems in our communities has been a longstanding priority. These facilities are necessary to improve water quality and to allow communities to grow. When I first came to office, the focus was on improving the water supply

in southern Indiana by constructing reservoirs at Brookville, Patoka and elsewhere. The emphasis today is on building or extending water and sewer lines. My office spends hundreds of hours each year helping towns and cities throughout the district apply for the grants and loans to get these projects going, and we have had remarkable success getting our fair share of assistance from state and federal sources.

#### HOSPITALS, LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS

I have attended scores of dedications for improvements made in southern Indiana's libraries, schools, and hospitals, many of them completed with the help of federal grants and loans. I experience genuine satisfaction as I reflect on the improvement each facility makes in the quality of Hoosiers' lives.

#### RECREATION

Southern Indiana is blessed with some of the most scenic areas in the Midwest, and has long been a tourist destination. I have worked to promote recreational opportunities, including: creation of the Muscatatuck Wildlife Refuge as well as the new Charlestown State Park; expansion of the Hoosier National Forest; construction of the Falls of the Ohio River Park and Interpretive Center, with its access to the ancient fossil beds on the Ohio River; and creation of a new Ohio River Greenway linking the communities of New Albany, Clarksville, and Jefferson.

#### LESSONS LEARNED

The past 34 years have provided many lessons in how to promote economic development. First, local officials must take the lead in planning for new development and attracting new businesses. Second, there must be a strong local emphasis on building a skilled workforce, including investment in our schools, vocational programs, and workplace training initiatives. These efforts will be particularly important in coming years as global competition for well-paying jobs intensifies. Third, our state must place a high priority on improving infrastructure. The highway bill currently pending in Congress will significantly boost Indiana's share of federal highway dollars and help address many unmet highway needs. Fourth, we must focus on encouraging our young people and entrepreneurs, never forgetting that the backbone of the Indiana economy is small business, which employs more than 2 million Hoosiers.

And lastly, even with its flaws, government will always be an important part of the economic equation. My experience in Congress has taught that good government at all levels can make our communities more competitive and our lives more pleasant. It can never replace individual Hoosiers' skill, hard work and creativity, but it can help lay the groundwork for successful development efforts, develop through education and training the needed skills in the workforce, build vital infrastructure, and help leverage limited funds to attract investors to our region.

#### HONORING E. DUANE THOMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 1998*

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose years of service to the citizens of my District cannot be overstated.

Dewey Thompson, for the past thirty-two years, has led the Association for Individual Development with both excellence and com-

passion. The Association serves individuals of all ages who are developmentally and/or physically disabled or mentally ill, and Dewey Thompson has played a critical role in meeting the needs of these individuals and their families. A former teacher and counselor, Dewey joined AID in 1966 as its President, and since then the Association has grown to include more than thirty programs and serves more than 1,400 clients annually.

I do not have the time to read off a list of Dewey Thompson's accomplishments and the awards he has received, but it is symbolic of his esteem within the community that AID's Rehabilitation Center was renamed in his honor in 1991.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Dewey Thompson for his years of service to the people of Illinois and my District, and wish him the best on his retirement.

#### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH CARE DISTRICT MEETING HEALTHCARE NEEDS IN THE 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 1998*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize The Washington Township Health Care District which has provided 50 years of service to the community of Fremont, California.

Half century ago, a group of civic minded citizens created the Washington Township Health District in the belief that healthcare is just as much a matter of public duty and public financing as is public education.

The District opened Washington Hospital, a 150 bed facility, within 10 years. Washington Hospital has been providing superior health care services for the past 40 years; the Hospital has grown right along side the community and has consistently been able to meet the needs of our community.

The founding members of the Board had the foresight to envision that returning profits to the Township, in the form of services and programs, would benefit the community more than profits being distributed to shareholders outside the District. In addition, the creation of a publicly elected Board of Directors provided ongoing community access to the governance of the District.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Washington Township Health Care District for the service it provides to meet healthcare needs in our community.

#### TRIBUTE TO BROWNIE TROOP #434 KEY WEST, FLORIDA

#### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 1998*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brownie Troop No. 434 from Poinciana Elementary School in Key West, Florida. The troop received the community award in the 1998 Make a Difference Day

Awards on April 19th from USA Weekend, a nationally distributed publication.

Make a Difference Day, an annual event held on the fourth Saturday of every October, was started in 1992 by USA Weekend and The points of Light Foundation. The Poinciana Troop first participated in their event in 1996 by holding a school-wide food drive which succeeded in collecting 692 cans.

The troop's original goal was to collect 1,000 canned goods and recruit 13 businesses to volunteer as collection sites. They surpassed their goal last October 25th by collecting 2,213 items of food for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and enlisting the participation of sixty-five businesses.

The Poinciana Elementary School Brownie Troop No. 434 is composed of 13 young girls, ages 6 to 8 who are: Katherine Albury, Allison Baker, Yanessa Barroso, Diana Baucom, Britney Bethel, Alexandria Caballero, Claire Dolan-Heitlinger, Espi O'Dell, Brittany Rogowski, Melissa Roos, Amanda Talbott, Andrea Wells, and Sheri Yuest. The troop is led by Troop Leader Dawn Albury. As their congressman, I am proud to represent such socially-conscious young girls. I am sure the citizens of Key West join me in wishing them continued success in 1998.

#### A TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

#### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 1998*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in West Allis, Wisconsin on the celebration of its 60th Anniversary as a congregation.

The dream of having a church where the needs of the area Italian speaking community could be met began in the 1930's for a group of about 250 Italian-Americans. But several attempts to rent space for worship did not prove successful, and in 1938, members of the Italian community began to work to raise funds to build a church of their own.

On September 21, 1939, the dream was realized, as Father Raymond Leng was named as the church's first administrator, and the parish began its official existence. The Sisters of Charity of St. Joan Antida also took up residence near the church and have since provided religious training to many generations of children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Father Leng served the congregation until 1946, and was succeeded by Father Salvatore Tagliavia, who served until 1956. Father Albert Valentino then became administrator, and remained with the congregation for nearly 35 years until his death in 1991.

The present administrator, Father James Posanski, was appointed in 1991. Since then, the church has undergone several renovation projects, the parish council was reorganized, and a number of spiritual and social activities were reintroduced to the congregation.

In 1992, the local Korean community began having bi-weekly masses at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. And, as interest in these masses grew, Father John Mace, S.J. soon introduced weekly worship for the Korean-American community.

Sadly, however, in December of 1996, due to a shortage of priests and declining numbers