

# ONE-MINUTE LEADER BOARD

DELIVERING A GOP MESSAGE IN SIXTY SECONDS OR LESS

## GOLD MINUTEMEN

	Ted Poe, TX	(52)
	Virginia Foxx, NC	(51)
	Joe Wilson, SC	(42)
	Marsha Blackburn, TN	(36)
	Ric Keller, FL	(30)
	Phil Gingrey, GA	(30)
	Tom Price, GA	(25)
	Joe Pitts, PA	(24)
	Mike Pence, IN	(17)
	Patrick McHenry, NC	(17)
	Cliff Stearns, FL	(11)
	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FL	(10)
	Mark Kennedy, MN	(11)
	Ginny Brown-Waite, FL	(11)
	Candice Miller, MI	(10)
	Sue Kelly, NY	(10)
	J. Gresham Barrett, SC	(8)
	Mark Foley, FL	(9)

## SILVER MINUTEMEN

	Shelley Moore Capito, WV	(5)
	Tim Murphy, PA	(5)
	Jack Kingston, GA	(5)
	John Shimkus, IL	(5)

**4 Each:** Sam Johnson, TX; Robin Hayes, NC; Mark Kirk, IL

**3 Each:** Mike Burgess, TX; Steve Chabot, OH; Thaddeus McCotter, MI; Jerry Weller, IL; Virgil Goode, VA; Tom Osborne, NE; Louie Gohmert, TX; Thelma Drake, VA

## BRONZE MINUTEMEN

**2 Each:** Mike Conaway, TX; John Carter, TX; Deborah Pryce, OH; Melissa Hart, PA; David Dreier, CA; Sue Myrick, NC; Jon Porter, NV; Frank Wolf, VA; Eric Cantor, VA; Lamar Smith, TX; Katherine Harris, FL; John Boozman, AR

## The Weekly Theme Teamer

JACK KINGSTON, CHAIRMAN

## EDUCATION SECRETARY MARGARET SPELLINGS



THEME TEAM DISCUSSION  
Thursday, 9 AM, H-236

## MEMBER PROFILE:

# Buck McKeon

*Theme Teamer's Gone Western*



## Issue In Focus:

### ✓ Enforcement First

Last week, a House Subcommittee chaired by **Edward Royce** of California held two field hearings to demonstrate to the American people how the Reid-Kennedy Senate Immigration Bill threatens our national security.

You can find more information and helpful resources at:

<http://kingston.house.gov/EnforcementFirst>

## Statesman Spotlight

# Buck McKeon



**Congress' Western Outfitter.** Before coming to Congress, Buck was the co-owner of a Western wear chain store with his brothers, known as, "Howard & Phil's Western Wear." Though the business didn't make it past the 90s, Buck founded the "Congressional Boot Caucus" when he came to Congress and is helping outfit Members of Congress with Western wear.



**Mission Accomplished.** After serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Buck attended Brigham Young University. After several terms, he embarked on a temporary "hiatus" from his studies. During that hiatus,

Buck married his wife, Patricia, began raising his family and started his career as a businessman in the Santa Clarita Valley. After successfully running a business, Buck returned to college and graduated with his oldest daughter.

**Full House.** Buck and his wife have six children and 28 grandchildren.

**Go West, Get Big.** Buck's district is geographically the largest in the state of California and includes the uninhabited Mohave Desert and mountains, Death Valley, and Owens Valley.

**A Hole-In-One. Seriously.** Other than crunching education policy, Buck likes to get out on the links, and he's not too bad. In fact, he scored a hole-in-one at the TPC Avenel course and has a plaque regarding the occasion proudly displayed in his personal office.



## ENFORCEMENT FIRST

"Republicans want to enact a **strong bill** that secures our borders and puts a premium on **strict enforcement of our immigration laws**. The Reid-Kennedy immigration bill is the wrong direction for our country, and exemplifies the **notorious weakness** of Capitol Hill Democrats on defense and border security issues." -*Majority Leader John Boehner*

The House Immigration Plan would:

- ✓ Increase border security by authorizing 1,000 new border inspectors and training 1,500 additional K-9 units.
- ✓ Implement new state-of-the-art surveillance technology to ensure one hundred percent coverage of our borders.
- ✓ Add severe penalties for border-crossing facilitators – known as "coyotes" – who illegally smuggle people into the U.S. with little regard for human life.
- ✓ End current "catch and release" practices, where illegal aliens who have been apprehended are released due to lack of detention space.
- ✓ Stop employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

## MESSENGER OF THE WEEK

# Jeb Hensarling

"The horrific 9/11 attacks on America taught us that border security is homeland security. Yet, just last year, Customs and Border Patrol stopped over 1 million people from illegally crossing the border. Of that million people, over 160,000 were from countries other than Mexico including: Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

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"And last week, expert witnesses at an International Relations sub-committee field hearing in Laredo Texas testified that unlike in years' past, many illegal immigrants who sneak across the border are no longer good people in search of honest work. Rather, they are criminals who belong to violent gangs and drug cartels.

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"...Today, hundreds of illegal immigrants will cross our southern border. Some of them will be criminals, some gang members. I pray that none are terrorists. But the truth is that no one knows. A nation without borders ceases to be a nation, which is why securing our border must be the first step in any comprehensive reform plan."

**[Congressman Jeb Hensarling, One-Minute Speech, July 11]**