

# ONE-MINUTE LEADER BOARD

DELIVERING A GOP MESSAGE IN SIXTY SECONDS OR LESS

## GOLD MINUTEMEN

	Ted Poe, TX	(56)
	Virginia Foxx, NC	(55)
	Joe Wilson, SC	(45)
	Marsha Blackburn, TN	(37)
	Phil Gingrey, GA	(32)
	Ric Keller, FL	(31)
	Joe Pitts, PA	(26)
	Tom Price, GA	(25)
	Patrick McHenry, NC	(19)
	Mike Pence, IN	(18)
	Ginny Brown-Waite, FL	(13)
	Sue Kelly, NY	(12)
	Cliff Stearns, FL	(11)
	Mark Kennedy, MN	(11)
	Candice Miller, MI	(11)
	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FL	(10)
	Mark Foley, FL	(9)
	J. Gresham Barrett, SC	(8)

## SILVER MINUTEMEN

	Shelley Moore Capito, WV	(6)
	Tim Murphy, PA	(6)
	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

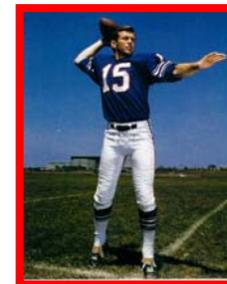
**2 Each:** Mike Conaway, TX; John Carter, TX; Deborah Pryce, OH; Melissa Hart, PA; David Dreier, CA; Sue Myrick, NC; Jon Porter, NV; Frank Wolf, VA; Eric Cantor, VA; Lamar Smith, TX; Katherine Harris, FL; John Boozman, AR; Jeb Hensarling, TX; Judy Biggert, IL; Dave Weldon, FL; Gary Miller, CA

## *The Weekly Theme Teamer*

JACK KINGSTON, CHAIRMAN

## SPECIAL THEME TEAM

KICKOFF WITH  
**JACK KEMP**



END THE GAME WITH  
**FRANK LUNTZ**

THEME TEAM DISCUSSION  
Thursday, 9 AM, H-236

MEMBER PROFILE:  
**Mark Kennedy**



## Weekly **BLOG** Fact

Did you know...

- ✓ Most blog readers are in the **41-50 age range**, and they earn **\$60,000-\$90,000** a year;
- ✓ Nearly 80 percent of readers have a bachelors degree or higher;
- ✓ 30 percent contributed to a campaign in the last six months; 75 percent have contacted politicians in the last year; and 76 percent have signed a petition.

## Statesman Spotlight

# Mark Kennedy

**Well I Was Born In A Small Town . . .** Mark grew up as a fifth generation Minnesotan in a town so small that some people thought the name of it was "Resume Speed."

**Mother Knows Best.** Mark's mother used to sit all seven Kennedy kids down to read newspaper clippings to them so they knew how to apply the values they were taught. She still sends him newspaper clippings, and calls to make sure he's reading them.



**Married an Ambassador.** Mark met Debbie, his wife of 26 years, while they were 4H ambassadors at the Minnesota State Fair, where she took first place with her lamb, and he took second with his Hereford Heifer named "Modesty."



**Rural Renaissance Man.** Mark has held a number of jobs since entering the workforce at the age of 14, from picking strawberries, and pumping gas at a bait shop, to washing dishes at a bakery.

**Dairy King** An avid Dairy Queen fan, Mark not only knows the location of every DQ in the state,

but is so well known at some of them that he has been known to head behind the counter and serve himself (after paying, of course).

## BORDER SECURITY

*"Led by GOP committee chairs, in July four committees will hold a series of hearings to examine troubling provisions in the Reid-Kennedy bill that undermine our border security efforts and do little to address the concerns of the American people." - Majority Leader John Boehner*

### Voices From The Border:

- ★ "You know, we are worried about immigration, immigration shouldn't even be a priority here, it should be border security, and the only way we can have homeland security is to have border security. Put immigration second or third. Right now we need to protect our border." - *Sheriff Rick Flores*
- ★ "There cannot be homeland security without border security. Our southwest border needs immediate attention." - *Sheriff Gonzalez,*
- ★ "It is undeniable that terrorists have entered the United States by crossing our land borders illegally." - *Law Professor Kris Kobach*

## MESSENGER OF THE WEEK ED ROYCE

"The unfortunate fact is that we live in a time when terrorists want to hit us as hard as they can. And it is elementary that to defend ourselves against these determined and resourceful enemies, our border must be secure or, as the Border Patrol says, 'We must have operational control of the border.' We don't have that right now, and we don't have that despite a tenfold increase in what Republicans have done to fund homeland security. But we need border fencing. The Border Patrol warns of potential terrorists employing these networks to enter our country. . . . Colleagues, immigration reform must be national security reform." [Rep. Ed Royce, 7/11/06]

