

# ONE-MINUTE LEADER BOARD

DELIVERING A GOP MESSAGE IN SIXTY SECONDS OR LESS

## GOLD MINUTEMEN

	Ted Poe, TX	(60)
	Virginia Foxx, NC	(59)
	Joe Wilson, SC	(48)
	Marsha Blackburn, TN	(41)
	Phil Gingrey, GA	(34)
	Ric Keller, FL	(32)
	Joe Pitts, PA	(27)
	Tom Price, GA	(27)
	Patrick McHenry, NC	(20)
	Mike Pence, IN	(19)
	Ginny Brown-Waite, FL	(15)
	Sue Kelly, NY	(14)
	Cliff Stearns, FL	(13)
	Candice Miller, MI	(12)
	Mark Kennedy, MN	(11)
	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FL	(10)
	Mark Foley, FL	(9)
	J. Gresham Barrett, SC	(8)

## SILVER MINUTEMEN

	Tim Murphy, PA	(7)
	Shelley Moore Capito, WV	(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; Jeb Hensarling, TX; John Boozman, AR

## BRONZE MINUTEMEN

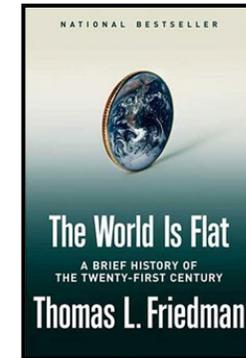
**2 Each:** Mike Conaway, TX; John Carter, TX; Deborah Pryce, OH; Melissa Hart, PA; David Dreier, CA; Sue Myrick, NC; Jon Porter, NV; Frank Wolf, VA; Eric Cantor, VA; Lamar Smith, TX; Katherine Harris, FL; Judy Biggert, IL; Dave Weldon, FL; Gary Miller, CA; Mike Oxley, OH; Dan Burton, IN; Bobby Jindal, LA; Jeff Flake, AZ

## *The Weekly Theme Teamer*

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THEME TEAM DISCUSSION  
Thursday, 9 AM, H-236

## MEMBER PROFILE:

Gil Gutknecht



## Weekly BLOG Fact

Did you know...

In March 2003 there were 100,000 blogs. Today there are more than 49.5 million.

## Statesman Spotlight

# Gil Gutknecht

**Fast Talker.** Gil attended auctioneering college in 1978. Today, he still uses his auctioneering skills at local charity events.



**Good Practice.** Before coming to Congress, Gil sold school supplies in Southern Minnesota. He likes to say he was the classic young salesman who knew nothing of his territory. However, years later that territory became his congressional district.

**Congress's Own Rich Little.** Gil is famous for his voice impersonations of Rodney Dangerfield, Ronald Reagan, and Jesse Ventura.



**A New Addition To The GOP.** On April 6 of this year, Miles Christopher made Gil and his wife Mary grandparents for the first time. We hear his first request was for SPAM.

**Please, No Autographs.** Theme Team members are featured in a short movie at the SPAM Museum in Austin, Minnesota. The weekly SPAM provided at Theme Team comes from the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Minnesota.



## Fiscal Responsibility

Republicans have been focused on promoting fiscal discipline and ensuring that Congress spends America's taxpayer dollars wisely. Here are just a few examples of what House Republicans have accomplished:

- ✦ Rejected **\$45.2 billion** in new Democrat spending above and beyond the levels included in FY 2007 appropriations bills thus far.
- ✦ Proposed **95 program terminations**, three more than the Administration has proposed, for a savings of nearly \$4 billion.
- ✦ Passed the **Legislative Line Item Veto Act**, authored by Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), to make Congress more accountable for the spending it proposes, help eliminate worthless pork, and protect taxpayer dollars.
- ✦ Led by Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-CA), have **reduced requests for member projects by 37 percent compared to last year**. And total funding for member projects has declined significantly in every spending bill and has been reduced overall by \$7.8 billion compared to last year.

## MESSENGER OF THE WEEK JOE PITTS

"By sustaining that veto last night, after more than a year of rhetoric, much of it misleading, we have come down on the side of protecting human life. And we have saved the American taxpayer from being forced to fund unethical and unsuccessful research involving the destruction of human embryos. Though a chapter in this debate has now been closed, this issue is not going away. . . . The choice doesn't have to be between doing stem cell research and not doing stem cell research. There are ethical, life-affirming methods of doing this research that are producing successful treatments today using adult stem cells." *[Rep. Joe Pitts, 7/20/06]*

