










ONE-MINUTE LEADER BOARD

DELIVERING A GOP MESSAGE IN SIXTY SECONDS OR LESS

GOLD MINUTEMEN

	Virginia Foxx, NC	(13)
	Ted Poe, TX	(13)
	Joe Wilson, SC	(12)
	Marsha Blackburn, TN	(11)
	Joe Pitts, PA	(9)
	Ric Keller, FL	(8)
	Phil Gingrey, GA	(7)
	Ginny Brown-Waite, FL	(6)
	Mike Pence, IN	(6)

SILVER MINUTEMEN

	Tom Price, GA	(5)
	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FL	(4)
	Mark Foley, FL	(4)
	Cliff Stearns, FL	(4)
	Sue Kelly, NY	(3)
	Virgil Goode, VA	(3)

BRONZE MINUTEMEN

2 Each: Sue Kelly, NY; Shelley Moore Capito, WV; Tom Osborne, NE; Tim Murphy, PA; J. Gresham Barrett, SC

Messengers Of The Week – Virginia Foxx and Joe Wilson



The Weekly Theme Teamer

JACK KINGSTON, CHAIRMAN

THIS WEEK ONLY:

2 EVENTS FOR THE PRICE OF 1

Breakfast

With Blogger, Author, and Conservative Radio Host

Hugh Hewitt

Thursday, 9-10 AM, H-236

Lunch

Serving Chik-fil-a

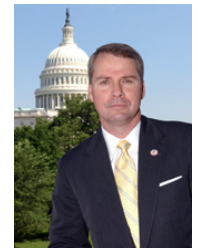
With National Review Economics Editor and CNBC Commentator

Larry Kudlow

Thursday, 12-1 PM, Cannon 202A

MEMBER PROFILE:

J. Gresham
Barrett



Statesman Spotlight: J. Gresham Barrett



A Tale As Old As Time. Gresham married his high school sweetheart, Natalie. He played quarterback; she was a cheerleader.

Bam! The House's Own Emeril Lagasse?

Gresham has perfected his own ice cream grits recipe. Maybe he can be convinced to bring some to the next Theme Team.

Bull Durham.

Gresham played catcher while he attended The Citadel.

Go Ahead, Make My Day.

Gresham served 4 years in the military and achieved the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army Field Artillery before resigning his commission in 1987.

Valentine's Day = Birthday. Gresham was born on February 14th. So unlike many husbands, he can't tell his wife he forgot it was Valentine's Day.



House Republicans Have Been The Leaders On Border Security

Last December House Republicans Passed HR 4437 – The Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act. Among the highlights:

- ✓ Combats the hiring of illegal workers
- ✓ Increases penalties for alien smuggling
- ✓ Increases DHS authority for long-term detention
- ✓ Increases penalties for aliens re-entering illegally

FINALLY! *The New York Times* Realizes The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Works For America's Seniors.

The New York Times finally reports on what Republicans have been saying for months. **Here are some excerpts:**

"When Virginia G. Shores went to a pharmacy here to pick up five prescriptions, **she thought she heard the pharmacist say she owed \$250, but she was wrong. The cost, with her new Medicare prescription drug card, was just \$50.** . . . "I was amazed at the amount of money it saved," Mrs. Shores said. "It was hard to believe. **She is one of Medicare's satisfied customers. They are not vocal, they are not organized, but they say it was worth wading through the hassles, confusion and complexity of the new program to enroll.**"

". . . Bobby G. Brown, a retired letter carrier, and his wife, Anna, both 71, spent four hours with a LIFE counselor. "It was well worth the time," said Mrs. Brown . . . He takes 6 drugs; she takes 18. They enrolled in different plans — WellCare's Signature plan and the basic plan offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma — and **their combined drug costs will plunge to \$4,900 or less a year, from more than \$25,000.**" [*The New York Times*, 3/25/06]