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January 28, 2003

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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
U.S. Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Room 3E880  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

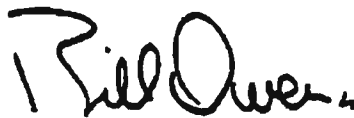
I invite you to join our fellow Republican colleagues and myself at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Republican Governors Association *"America's Majority Celebration: Winning for America"* on Monday, February 24, 2003 in Washington, DC.

This year's event is a gala reception, not a traditional sit-down dinner at the National Building Museum. All 26 Republican Governors including myself would greatly appreciate your attendance to make certain this event is a success. It is traditionally our biggest event of the year.

Please have your staff complete the attached form and fax it to Robyn Knecht at the RGA (202) 662-4924. If you have any questions, please contact me or Robyn at (202) 662-4151 or e-mail her at [rknecht@rga.org](mailto:rknecht@rga.org).

Thank you in advance for your support of the Republican Governors. I look forward to seeing you on February 24, 2003.

Sincerely,



Governor Bill Owens  
RGA Chairman  
State of Colorado

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**REPLY FORM**

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RGA  
"AMERICA'S MAJORITY CELEBRATION:  
WINNING FOR AMERICA"**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM**

**401 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please reserve my place at the "*America's Majority Celebration: Winning for America*" on February 24, 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a space for my spouse/guest.

**Spouse/Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Unfortunately, I cannot attend the "*America's Majority Celebration: Winning for America*" on February 24, 2003.

**Please complete your office contact information below:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

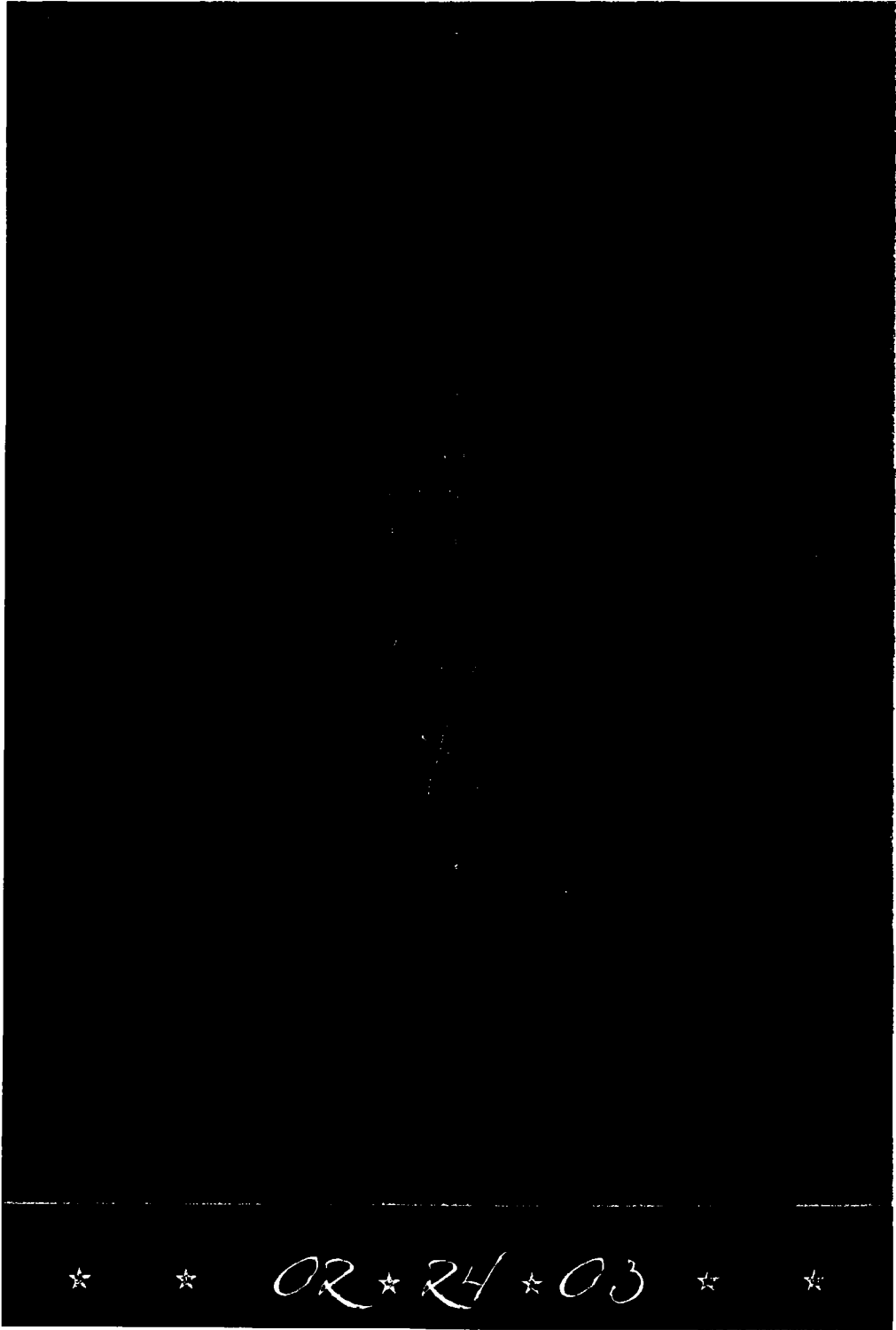
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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax the reply form to Robyn Knecht at (202) 662-4924, no later than **Wednesday, February 12, 2003**. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn at (202) 662-4151 or [rknecht@rga.org](mailto:rknecht@rga.org).



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6:00 PM - 6:45 PM  
CHAIRMEN'S RECEPTION  
AND  
PHOTO-OPPORTUNITY



6:00 PM - 6:45 PM  
GOVERNORS' RECEPTION



6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
"AMERICA'S MAJORITY CELEBRATION"  
RECEPTION

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GOVERNOR KENNY C. GUINN  
"AMERICA'S MAJORITY CELEBRATION" CHAIRMAN

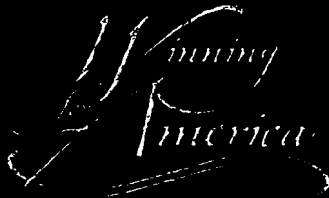
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RGA CHAIRMAN

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RGA VICE CHAIRMAN

AND

THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND  
THE 9TH ANNUAL  
"AMERICA'S MAJORITY CELEBRATION"



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003  
NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM  
401 F STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**BILL OWENS**  
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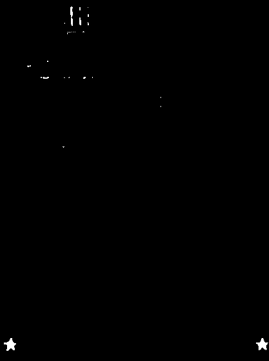
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## REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

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June 17, 2004

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
U.S. Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Room 3E880  
Washington, DC 20301

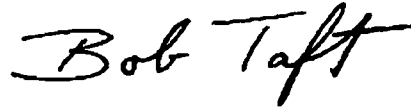
Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

As Chairman of the Republican Governors Association, I invite you to attend the "RGA Convention Experience," August 29 through September 2, 2004, in New York City, New York. Enclosed is a copy of the RGA schedule of events for the week.

I know that you will have many obligations during this time, but I hope you will be able to join the Republican Governors at one of our events during the week.

The RGA will be contacting your office to review the schedule and check your availability. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the RGA Executive Director, Ed Tobin at (202) 662-4151.

Sincerely,



Bob Taft  
Governor of Ohio  
RGA Chairman

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**REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION**  
*2004 Republican Convention Experience*

***RG A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\****

*(as of 6/10/2004)*

**Sunday, August 29**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*"Martinis in Manhattan"* Reception

Location: The New York Palace Hotel  
455 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY

**Monday, August 30**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*"A New York Noche"* Reception

Location: Noche in Times Square  
1604 Broadway (48<sup>th</sup> & 49<sup>th</sup> Cross Streets)  
New York, NY

**Tuesday, August 31**

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Governors, First Spouses and Chiefs of Staff Luncheon

Location: The Central Park Boathouse  
East Side between 74th & 75th Streets  
New York, NY

**Wednesday, September 1**

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*"A Brooklyn State of Mind"*


Location: The River Café and Fulton Ferry Landing  
Brooklyn, NY

**Thursday, September 2**

5:00 p.m.

*"RGA Rocks the Planet in Times Square"* Party

Location: Planet Hollywood in Times Square  
1540 Broadway, 45th & Broadway  
New York, NY



*\*The times of the events may change slightly. A final schedule of events will be released closer to the Republican National Convention.*

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REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

January 15, 2008

The Honorable Robert Gates  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Arlington, VA 20301

Dear Secretary Gates,

On behalf of the Republican Governors of the United States, I invite you be our guest at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual gala, "*A Celebration of America's Leaders*" in Washington, DC on Monday, February 25, 2008.

I am expecting all 21 of my colleagues to be in attendance for this gala along with special guest President George W. Bush. This is the RGA's largest event and will help give us the resources to compete in 11 gubernatorial races this year.

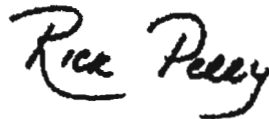
A successful event will also help us prepare for the 2010 elections. The governors in office that year will be instrumental in determining the make up of Congress for the next decade. Republicans could easily see a swing of 26 seats just by electing 7 new governors in key states before 2010.

The gala will be held at the National Building Museum (401 F Street, NW) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To RSVP please fill out the attached reply form, or contact Angela Meyers at (202) 662-4141 or [ameyers@rga.org](mailto:ameyers@rga.org).

I look forward to seeing you on February 25, 2008.

Sincerely,



Governor Rick Perry  
State of Texas  
RGA Chairman

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CHAIRMAN  
Governor Mitt Romney  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts



VICE CHAIRMAN  
Governor Sonny Perdue  
State of Georgia

## REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

January 20, 2006

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Penatagon  
Arlington, VA 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

On behalf of the Republican Governors of the United States, I invite you to attend the 12th Annual *"America's Majority Celebration: A Tribute to Presidential Leadership"* in Washington, DC on Monday, February 27, 2006.

I am expecting all 27 of my colleagues to be in attendance for this gala along with special guest, President George W. Bush. This is the RGA's largest event and helps determine the level of participation we will play in the 36 gubernatorial races we face over the next year.

To RSVP please fill out the attached reply form, or contact Lindsay Sweetin at (202) 662-4150 or at [lsweetin@rga.org](mailto:lsweetin@rga.org).

I look forward to seeing you on February 27, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitt Romney".

Mitt Romney  
Governor of Massachusetts  
RGA Chairman

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Republican Governors Association

**REPLY FORM**

12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RGA

***“AMERICA’S MAJORITY CELEBRATION:  
A Tribute to Presidential Leadership”***

Monday, February 27, 2006  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

National Building Museum  
401 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

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Yes, please reserve my place at the *“America’s Majority Celebration:  
A Tribute to Presidential Leadership”* on February 27, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a ticket for my spouse/guest.

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the *“America’s Majority Celebration:  
A Tribute to Presidential Leadership”* on February 27, 2006.

Please complete your contact information below:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax the reply form to Lindsay Sweetin at (202) 662-4925, no later than **Thursday, February 23, 2006**. If you have questions, please contact Lindsay at (202) 662-4150 or [lsweetin@rga.org](mailto:lsweetin@rga.org).

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# America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership

**Yes, I will support the RGA and participate in "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" at the following level:**

- Chairman** Individuals or PACs who contribute \$100,000 / corporations who contribute \$250,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Co-Chairman** Corporations who contribute \$100,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Vice Chairman** Individuals, PACs or corporations who contribute \$50,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Deputy Chairman** Individuals who contribute \$25,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Host Committee** Individuals or PACs who contribute \$15,000 / corporations who contribute \$25,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Sponsor** Individuals or PACs who contribute \$5,000 / corporations who contribute \$10,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Individual Tickets** Individual tickets are available for purchase for \$1,000 for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Company (As you would like to be listed on February 22, 2006 to be listed on \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
to be received by \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name and address in full on separate sheet of paper.

President Bush's 2006 campaign funds, office, and other expenses are not to be paid for by this campaign.

Please see reverse to pay by credit card and complete important donor information.

**Please complete the following to purchase tickets by credit card.**

Please charge my personal/corporate (circle one):

Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Discover

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Election law requires us to report the following.**

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions or gifts to the RGA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. President Bush is not soliciting funds outside the limits and prohibitions of federal campaign finance law. There is no statutory limit on the amount a corporation, individual or PAC may contribute to the RGA. Contributions may be corporate, PAC or personal.

Contributions will not be used in connection with any federal election and contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited. Contributions to the RGA may be used in one of the RGA's affiliated state PAC's.

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**Republican Governors Association**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"**

**Monday, February 27, 2006**

**CURRENT RGA MEMBERS**

For current members of the RGA the following tickets are offered:

**STATESMAN \$250,000 (corporate) / \$100,000 (PAC/individual) membership level**

- Four (4) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
  - Four (4) tickets to the Chairmen's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guest (2 clicks)\*
- Two (2) tickets to a private dinner hosted by the Republican Governors on Saturday, February 25, 2006
- Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006

**CABINET \$100,000 (corporate) membership level**

- Four (4) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
  - Two (2) tickets to the Chairmen's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guest (1 click)\*
- Two (2) tickets to a private dinner hosted by the Republican Governors on Saturday, February 25, 2006
- Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006

**BOARD \$50,000 (corporate/PAC/individual) membership level**

- Four (4) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006

**COUNCIL \$25,000 (corporate) / \$15,000 (PAC/individual) membership level**

- Two (2) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"

**INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL \$25,000 (individual) membership level**

- Two (2) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"

**FORUM \$10,000 (individual) membership level**

- Two (2) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"

**CLUB \$10,000 (corporate) / \$5,000 (PAC/individual) membership level**

- Two (2) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"

If you have any questions, please contact RGA Finance at: (202) 662-4920 / [rga@rga.org](mailto:rga@rga.org)

Margaret Parker	202-662-4162	<a href="mailto:mparker@rga.org">mparker@rga.org</a>
Elizabeth Verrill	202-662-4149	<a href="mailto:everrill@rga.org">everrill@rga.org</a>
Angela Danhof	202-662-4141	<a href="mailto:adanhof@rga.org">adanhof@rga.org</a>

**\* Please note that photographs will be sent upon receipt of contribution to RGA.**

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*Republican Governors  
of the United States of America*

*Mitt Romney*  
Chairman  
Massachusetts

*Sonny Perdue*  
Vice Chairman  
Georgia

*Kate Blunt*  
America's Majority Celebration:  
A Presidential Tribute  
to Leadership Chairman  
Missouri

*Bob Riley*  
Alabama

*Frank K. Murkowski*  
Alaska

*Mike Huckabee*  
Arkansas

*Arnold Schwarzenegger*  
California

*Bill Owens*  
Colorado

*M. Jodi Rell*  
Connecticut

*Jeb Bush*  
Florida

*Felix L. Camacho*  
Guam

*Linda Lingde*  
Hawaii

*Dick Kempthorne*  
Idaho

*Mitch Daniels*  
Indiana

*Ernie Fletcher*  
Kentucky

*Bob Ehrlich*  
Maryland

*Tom Pawlenty*  
Minnesota

*Kaley Barbour*  
Mississippi

*Dave Heineman*  
Nebraska

*Kenny G. Guinn*  
Nevada

*George E. Pataki*  
New York

*John Hoeven*  
North Dakota

*Bob Taft*  
Ohio

*Donah L. Carcieri*  
Rhode Island

*Mark Sanford*  
South Carolina

*Mike Rounds*  
South Dakota

*Rick Perry*  
Texas

*Jon Huntsman Jr.*  
Utah

*Jim Douglas*  
Vermont

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*America's Majority Celebration:  
A Presidential Tribute To Leadership  
Monday, February 27, 2006*

*The Republican Governors Association*

and

*Governor Matt Blunt  
America's Majority Celebration:  
A Presidential Tribute to Leadership  
Chairman*

*Governor Mitt Romney  
RGA Chairman*

*Governor Sonny Perdue  
RGA Vice Chairman*

*Cordially Invite You to Attend  
the 12th Annual  
America's Majority Celebration:  
A Presidential Tribute to Leadership*

*With Special Guest  
President  
George W. Bush*

*6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 27, 2006*

*National Building Museum  
401 F Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.*

TO GUARANTEE THE SUCCESS OF THE 2006 "AMERICA'S MAJORITY CELEBRATION: A PRESIDENTIAL TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP," THE RGA REQUESTS THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUALS/PACS/CORPORATIONS TO SERVE AS PART OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE. THE LEVELS OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE ARE DESCRIBED BELOW.

*Chairman*

*Individuals or PACs who contribute \$100,000 / corporations who contribute \$250,000  
for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*

- Ten (10) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Six (6) tickets to the Chairman's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guest (3 clicks)\*
- Four (4) tickets to a private dinner hosted by the Republican Governors on Saturday, February 25, 2006
- Four (4) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006
- "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" program recognition as a Chairman
- One year Statesman Membership - Including the 2006 Private Dinner Series, the Governors Forum Series and the Regional Roundtable Events and 2006 RGA Annual Conference

*Co-Chairman*

*Corporations who contribute \$100,000*

*for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*

- Eight (8) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Four (4) tickets to the Chairman's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guest (2 clicks)\*
- Two (2) tickets to a private dinner hosted by the Republican Governors on Saturday, February 25, 2006
- Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006
- "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" program recognition as a Co-Chairman
- One year Governors Cabinet Membership - Including the 2006 Governors Forum Series and Regional Roundtable Events and 2006 RGA Annual Conference

*Vice Chairman*

*Individuals, PACs or corporations who contribute \$50,000*

*for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*

- Four (4) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Two (2) tickets to the Chairman's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guest (1 click)\*
- Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006
- "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" program recognition as a Vice Chairman
- One year Governors Board Membership - Including the 2006 Governors Forum Series and 2006 RGA Annual Conference

*Deputy Chairman*

*Individuals who contribute \$25,000*

*for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*

- Four (4) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 27, 2006
- "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" program recognition as a Deputy Chairman
- One year individual Governors Council Membership - Including the 2006 Governors Forum Series and 2006 RGA Annual Conference

*Host Committee*

*Individuals or PACs who contribute \$15,000 / corporations who contribute \$25,000  
for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*

- Two (2) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" program recognition as a Host Committee member
- One year Governors Council Membership - Including the 2006 Governors Forum Series and 2006 RGA Annual Conference

*Sponsor*

*Individuals or PACs who contribute \$5,000 / corporations who contribute \$10,000  
for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*

- Two (2) tickets to the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"
- "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership" program recognition as a Sponsor
- One year Governors Club Membership - Including the 2006 RGA Annual Conference

*Individual Tickets*

*Individual tickets are available for purchase for \$1,000  
for the "America's Majority Celebration: A Presidential Tribute to Leadership"*



# Republican Governors Association

John G. Rowland  
Governor of Connecticut  
RGA Chairman

August 27, 2002

Bill Owens  
Governor of Colorado  
RGA Vice Chairman

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
U.S. Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Room 3E880  
Washington, DC 20301

OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

I am pleased to announce that the Republican Governors Association fall event, "*An Evening With President George W. Bush*" is Thursday, September 19, 2002 at the National Building Museum (401 F Street, NW) in Washington, DC from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

I know this is a busy time of year, but your participation will ensure the success of this event, help us meet our financial goals and make a difference in the 36 gubernatorial races this fall. I have invited all RGA corporate and individual Team 1000 members from around the country; I know they are very excited to meet you.

Please complete the attached reply form and fax it back to the RGA at 202/863-8659. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Knecht at 202/863-8557 or by email at [rknecht@rghq.org](mailto:rknecht@rghq.org).

I thank you for your support of the Republican Governors Association. Your participation guarantees the event's success. I look forward to seeing you at the event.

Sincerely,

John G. Rowland  
Governor of Connecticut  
RGA Chairman

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Republican Governors Association

## REPLY FORM

### *“An Evening with President George W. Bush”*

YES, I will attend *“An Evening with President George W. Bush,”*  
Thursday, September 19, 2002, at the National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW,  
Washington, DC from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Please reserve a space for my spouse \_\_\_\_\_.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend, but members of my staff will join you. The following people  
from my staff will attend (i.e. Chief of Staff, Policy Director, etc.):

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January 22, 2002

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
U S Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Room 3E880  
Washington, DC 20301

Secretary of Defense



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Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

I invite you to join our fellow Republican colleagues and myself at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Republican Governors Association *"America's Majority Celebration- A Salute to America's Leaders"* on **Monday, February 25, 2002**

This year's format will be different. Instead of a sit down dinner, we will host a Gala Reception with food stations representing our Governors' home states, entertainment and a great venue for guests to mingle with all of the Republican Governors. We are anticipating over 1,200 of our RGA members to attend.

This is the single most important event for the RGA in 2002. All 27 Republican Governors would greatly appreciate your attendance to make certain this event is a success. The reception is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel (2660 Woodley Road, NW) in Washington, D.C. In conjunction with the reception, the Governor's will host a private reception from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., which you are invited to attend.

Please have your staff complete the attached form and fax it to Robyn Knecht at the RGA (202) 863-8659. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly or Robyn at (202) 863-8557 or e-mail her at [rknecht@rmchq.org](mailto:rknecht@rmchq.org)

I thank you for your support of the Republican Governors. Your participation will guarantee our success. I look forward to seeing you on February 25, 2002.

Sincerely,

John G. Rowland,  
Governor of Connecticut  
RGA Chairman



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**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RGA AMERICA'S MAJORITY CELEBRATION**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002**

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**MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL**  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please reserve my place at the "*America's Majority Celebration - A Salute to America's Leaders*" on February 25, 2002

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a space for my spouse/guest

Spouse/guest name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete your office contact information below

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## REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

November 29, 2001

Dear Republican Colleague:

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2000-2001 Republican Governors Association Chairman's Report. The report details Republican governors' achievements of the past year.

Working with President George W. Bush, his administration and our colleagues in Congress, Republican governors played active roles in the national debates over tax relief, energy policy and historic education reform. Throughout the year, governors have been key advocates for the principles of limited government, lower taxes and reform that mark the Bush presidency.

As the tragic events of September 11 dramatically changed our national focus, governors have made clear their commitment to working with President Bush, homeland security director Tom Ridge and all public officials to provide for the safety and defense of America. As we go forward in this uncharted territory, Republican governors pledge our continued support and assistance on these and other matters affecting our nation's citizens.

Once again, thanks for taking a few minutes to review the RGA annual report — as well as your continued assistance in the days, weeks and months ahead as we work together to promote America's agenda.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Rowland".

John G. Rowland  
Governor of Connecticut  
RGA Chairman

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## *Chairman's Message*

JOHN G. ROWLAND  
CONNECTICUT

For the first time in the history of the Republican Governors Association, our chairmanship changed hands three times in less than one year. It has been a tumultuous year for America — and for the RGA — but through it all, present and former Republican governors have stepped into vital leadership roles, from the White House to our state-houses.

It all began with the crucial presidential election of 2000, when, after weeks of uncertainty and seemingly endless recounting and court action, Governor George W. Bush of Texas was inaugurated as president of the United States. Republican governors played a central role in that long and difficult period, lending their support and voices to the Bush campaign. On many days, the network and cable broadcasts on the election



*President-elect George W. Bush hosted 19 GOP governors at his Texas ranch on January 6. Here, Bush is seen with (from left) Governors Jim Gilmore (VA), John Engler (MI), Tom Ridge (PA) and Jane Dee Hull (AZ). (Photo courtesy of AP/Wide World Photos)*

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controversy, as well as the columns in daily and weekly news publications, were dominated by comments by GOP governors, who often brought a much-needed dose of common sense and fairness to the debate. In the end, our constitutional system prevailed, and the will of the voters was sustained.

President Bush moved swiftly to assemble a government — and once again, he turned to Republican governors.

Governor Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin, the “father of modern welfare reform,” was tapped to serve as Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Bush Cabinet.

Governor Christie Whitman of New Jersey, whose outstanding leadership brought an economic boom to her home state, stepped up to become director of the Cabinet-level Environmental Protection Agency.

Governor Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts joined the administration as America’s ambassador to Canada.

President Bush turned to a former GOP governor, former Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri, as his new attorney general.

He also asked RGA Chairman Governor Jim Gilmore of Virginia — elected at last year’s annual conference — to become chairman of the Republican National Committee. Governor Gilmore handed over the RGA chairmanship to Governor Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania.

Tragically, forces beyond our control brought terror to America. Governor Ridge was among the Republican chief executives who responded to terrorist acts on our soil — in Pennsylvania’s case, the crash of one of the hijacked aircraft. Across our nation, governors of both parties, and of independent affiliation, set aside past political battles to organize and rush aid to the stricken communities and to ensure the safety of their own residents.



*RGA Chairman John Rowland, families and friends gather at the State Armory to say good-bye to the Connecticut Army National Guardsmen. The soldiers will spend about nine months on overseas duty.*

Like the rest of America, I was also proud of the leadership displayed by our president. His fellow Republican governors had long known what kind of man George W. Bush is; now, the world recognizes his courage and calm and determination.

Following the September 11 attacks, President Bush asked Tom Ridge to resign as governor of Pennsylvania (and as RGA chairman) to accept the newly created position of Director of Homeland Security. As the fourth former GOP governor to assume Cabinet-level duties in the Bush administration, Governor Ridge is in the best of company for the difficult task ahead of us.

As the newly installed RGA chairman, I am proud to assume leadership of an organization that has produced far more than its share of outstanding American leaders. But most of all — as an American — I am grateful to be part of an organization that celebrates so many of the best things about our country . . . especially our free and open constitutional form of government that allows the people to decide our goals and our destiny.

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In the wake of September 11, partisan politics took a holiday — but democracy did not, and that is as it should be. The RGA continued to play an active role in the off-year gubernatorial elections in Virginia and New Jersey.

At the same time, your RGA continued to represent “America’s Majority” — the Republican governors who lead a substantial majority of our states and the people who elected them.

Under Chairmen Gilmore and Ridge, and continuing during my time as RGA chairman, the RGA hosted a series of most successful events, from the January celebration of the inauguration of President Bush through this RGA annual meeting in November. RGA members played vital and active roles in the national debates over tax relief, energy policy and education reform, helping the Bush administration win important victories for working families. By virtue of the active roles played by outstanding GOP governors in advancing policy initiatives, we were able to play a greater part than ever before in setting America’s agenda.

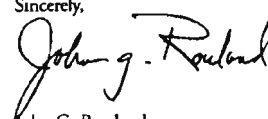
These are vital and historic matters that were not made moot when terrorist attacks of September 11 shifted the nation’s focus. If America faced economic challenges after the attacks, imagine how serious our troubles would have been without the tax cuts enacted by Congress and modeled on so many tax reforms promoted by Republican governors throughout the 1990s. With trouble once again in the Middle East, consider how essential a self-sufficient national energy policy such as the one supported by President Bush and the RGA is today. With renewed threats from abroad, the revitalization of our national defense capabilities has become even more central to our national discussion — and our national well-being.

It was an astonishing and historic year for America and for the RGA. I believe it fitting that I conclude this message with the words of the final stanza of our national anthem — a stanza not often sung in the past, but most applicable to the times in which we live.

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O! Thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war’s desolation!  
Bless with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto — “In God Is Our Trust”:  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Sincerely,



John G. Rowland  
Chairman



RGA Chairman John G. Rowland (CT, center) speaks before introducing Vice President Richard B. Cheney during the RGA’s fall premier event in Washington, D. C., on October 25. Pictured from left to right: Governors Scott McCallum (WI), Don Sundquist (TN), Frank Keating (OK), Jane Swift (MA), Lincoln Almond (RI) and Bill Graves (KS)

## *The RGA: A Year of Change and Challenge*

It was a year that began with the longest presidential election in American history — and ended with great tragedy.

Through it all, Republican governors played central roles. During the extended recounting of the presidential ballots in Florida that followed the 2000 election, Republican governors were frequent — and credible — spokespersons on behalf of the Bush campaign and the rule of law. As chief state executives, they were able to speak with passion and authority about election laws. As Republicans, they stood firmly for adherence to Florida law and against efforts to manipulate and change the vote. As

Americans, they shared our national pride when that battle ended in a fair and orderly manner.

On January 20, Republican governors were again front and center as one of their own — former Governor George W. Bush of Texas — took the oath of office as president of the United States.

The Bush administration brought to Washington many of the values and goals that had long been associated with Republican governors, the most innovative force in American politics during the 1990s. The president proposed tax cuts like those that had invigorated economies in state after state led by GOP governors. He put forth sweeping learning-based education reforms that mirrored those supported and enacted by his fellow Republican governors. His faith-based initiatives to join government and the faith community in good works had been field-tested in Texas and other states — again under the enlightened leadership of Republican governors. With the enthusiastic and vocal support of Republican governors, President Bush also proposed measures to strengthen Medicare and to craft a sensible national energy policy to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil.

Republican governors were also part of the Bush team in Washington on a daily basis. Governors Tommy G. Thompson (WI) and Christie Whitman (NJ) joined the Bush Cabinet, as did former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft and, later, Governor Tom Ridge (PA). Governor Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts was named America's ambassador to Canada — the first ambassador named to serve in the new administration.

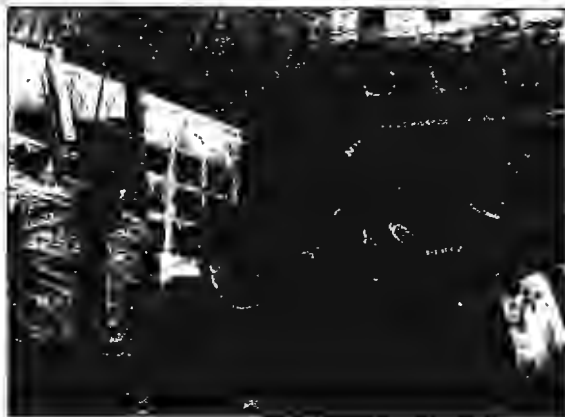
(To replace them, outstanding Republican lieutenant governors have stepped up to serve as chief executives: Scott McCallum of Wisconsin, Jane Swift of Massachusetts and, finally — Mark Schweiker of Pennsylvania. In New Jersey, the state Senate president — Donald T. DiFrancesco — became acting governor. In each one of these cases, these outstanding men and women have already served the citizens of their states with distinction.)




*"We are a great nation because we have faced adversity and overcome it. We must not lose faith; instead, we must now show strength. I am proud of the former — and current — Republican governors who are working with the president to provide for our homeland defense on all fronts."*

— Governor Jeb Bush (FL)

*New York Governor George E. Pataki (left), United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani survey the damage near the World Trade Center site. (AP/Wide World Photos)*





*The Republican Governors Association provides meaningful opportunities for Republican chief executives to work together in forming public policy for our states. I am proud of the outstanding work the organization continues to do on behalf of our governors and citizens."*

— Governor Jun G. Gilmore (VA),  
Chairman of the Republican  
National Committee

Throughout the year, GOP governors were frequently quoted in the media in support of Bush administration initiatives, especially when Congress passed the president's \$1.35 trillion tax cut — a Republican idea that had proved so effective in state after state. As America entered the fall, the president's approval rating was strong, Americans were receiving the first down payment on the Bush tax cuts, and other administration programs were advancing in Congress.

Republican governors who had led successful education reform efforts in their own states were strong and effective proponents of the president's national school reform plan. This was the president's No. 1 domestic priority. Shortly before the inauguration, a group of governors met with President Bush to set priorities, and after the education bill passed both houses of Congress, Governors John G. Rowland (CT), Tom Ridge (PA) and Mike Huckabee (AR) joined President Bush and Secretary of Education Rod Paige at a White House ceremony in calling for swift action on the conference report.

At breakout sessions at the National Governors Association winter and summer meetings, and at regional Governors' Forum events throughout the year, the governors were highly visible in their support for the Bush agenda. Speaking with one voice, the governors earned major media coverage whenever and wherever they spoke out, since their own experiences in the states had helped create that agenda in the first place. The RGA communications staff worked closely with the Republican National Committee to ensure maximum media coverage of these events, including satellite feeds back to each governor's home state.

There were staff changes at RGA as well. In May, Susan Nelson became RGA finance director to lead a vigorous fund-raising effort in preparation for the 2001-2002 elections. The year ended with the return of Clinton Key as executive director, who had previously served under three RGA chairmen. Our communications, policy and corporate member services staffs remained intact with the goal of improving the effectiveness of the organization for our governors and members.



*Massachusetts Governor Jane Swift greets National Guard troops at the Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod on October 4*

#### Post-September 11 . . .

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on our nation, Republican Governors George E. Pataki (NY), Jim Gilmore (VA) and Tom Ridge (PA) stepped forward in states that had been directly affected by the attacks to provide calm, firm and reassuring leadership. In other states, GOP governors responded with help and action. As the terrorist threat unfolded — first in the need to strengthen airport security, and later as bioterrorist assaults emerged in widely scattered locations — Republican governors were again at the forefront of the national response. They moved to activate National Guard units, mobilize state health and law enforcement agencies and reassure their residents. They also joined their fellow Americans in offering support to President Bush as he assembled and led an international coalition to pursue, neutralize and hold accountable terrorists.

As the year drew to a dramatic close, Americans were united as never before.





*"We know that education must play a central role in the defense of our nation. Our schools must produce the people who have the math, science and engineering skills to keep our defenses strong. Our children need to understand our history, our Constitution, our virtues as a people and as a nation. To know America is to love her. To love her is to want to defend her."*

— Governor John Engler (MI)  
on October 9

## *The RGA in 2001*

The Republican Governors Association had three chairmen during this epochal year, as noted in the Chairman's Message. Normally, so many changes in such a brief period of time would cause uncertainty and disarray in any organization. Such was not the case with the RGA. We continued to chart a clear path during an otherwise unsettled year, thanks to outstanding staff support and the hands-on leadership of our chairmen.

RGA members continue to be a source of major strength for our organization and a key part of our past and future successes.

Membership has increased significantly, contributing to an overall revenue increase of over 20 percent in the past year.



*Heinz Prechler was a friend to the Bush family and the Republican Party for decades. Here, he is pictured with then-Governor George W. Bush (TX) at a M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Dinner in June 1999 in Houston.*



*Governors Frank Keating (OK, right) and Jeb Bush (FL) testified at a congressional subcommittee hearing on terrorism and homeland security at New York City Hall on October 29.*

The RGA's popular forum events continued to advance Republican ideas. Governors' Forums held in Colorado, California, New York and Michigan drew heavy media coverage as Republican governors spoke out in support of President Bush's agenda of lower taxes and real education reform. Our District of Columbia Issues Forums brought the debate on these and other issues home to Washington, where a closely divided Congress listened to the experiences of Republican governors who had succeeded with many of the same ideas in state after state. The annual America's Majority Dinner in February celebrated the inauguration of our new president. And throughout the year, GOP governors continued to act as informed, authoritative advocates for the principles of limited government, lower taxes and reform that mark the Bush presidency.

The RGA launched a National Finance Committee, an innovative program designed to reach out to business leaders who share our common domestic agenda goals: lower taxes, balanced budgets, less government, fewer regulations, and returning power back to the people. The new pro-

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gram concluded the year with a special evening with Vice President Richard B. Cheney in Washington, D.C., in late October. Combined with other active fund-raising throughout the year, the National Finance Committee helped the RGA raise nearly \$1 million to support our candidates and causes.

The RGA suffered a tragic death in the family at midyear when we lost Heinz Prechter of Michigan, who had served as RGA finance chairman in 1995-96, and whose leadership had made the RGA a major fund-raising force in American politics. We continue to owe a debt of gratitude to Ron Kaufman, our national finance chairman, for his dedication and tireless work on behalf of the organization.

As in past years, our 2001 Governors' Forum programs drew strong attendance and heavy media coverage. The Governors' Forum programs bring together a number of RGA governors to discuss key issues at locations outside of Washington . . . bringing the issues to the people.

Our Colorado Forum in Denver and Aspen discussed state trends in technology and ways the states can address policy to the new challenges of technology. In California, RGA governors addressed energy policies and the looming price crisis in gasoline, as well as the contentious issue of health-care policy. The California Forum spanned two days, moving from Los Angeles to San Jose, where discussion also addressed the use of technology in education. At Mackinac Island in Michigan, GOP governors tackled Medicaid policy and public finance issues of concern to the state. The RGA had also planned a fall Forum in Houston, but it was canceled following the September 11 attacks.

In addition, RGA introduced Washington, D.C., Issues Forum events, where RGA members host discussion groups on "hot topics" of the moment, reaching out to opinion makers in the nation's capital with the state perspective. Our ongoing breakfast series for RGA members and the Washington staff of our governors also encourages a lively exchange — one that is emulated in RGA events featuring our governors throughout the country.

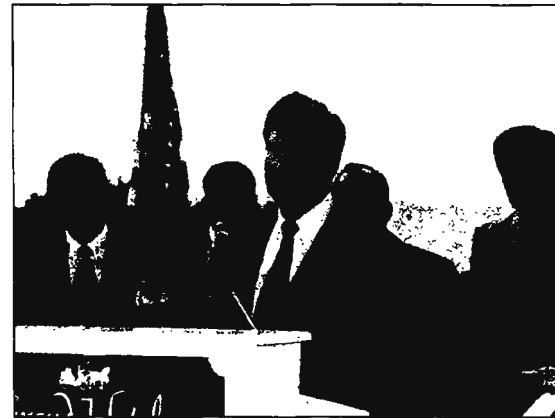
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## *The 2001-2002 Political Outlook*

Two states — Virginia and New Jersey — elected governors in 2001.

In Virginia, popular Republican incumbent Jim Gilmore was term-limited. GOP candidate Mark Earley, the incumbent attorney general, faced a wealthy, self-financed Democratic opponent. The central issue was taxes — Earley wanted to continue Governor Gilmore's tax reduction programs, while his opponent took a traditional Democratic stand against tax cuts and in favor of larger, more expensive government.

In New Jersey, Republican State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco became acting governor when Governor Christie Whitman accepted



*Bret Schundler (center), the GOP nominee for governor of New Jersey, joins Governors John Hoeven (ND), Mike Huckabee (AR), John Engler (MI, host) and Tom Ridge (PA) at a Governors' Forum in Michigan*

President George W. Bush meets with Republican Mark L. Earley on July 26 at the White House. President Bush praised Earley's focus on the continued phase-out of the unpopular car tax.

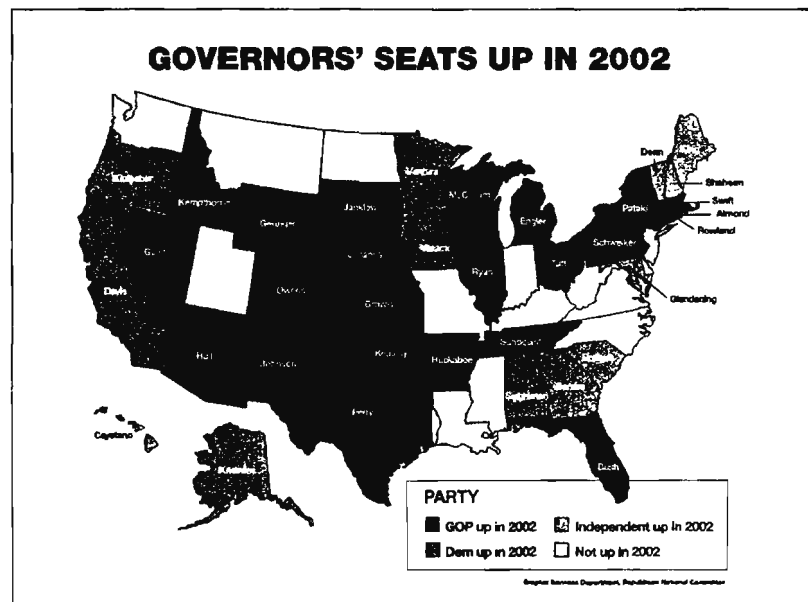


President Bush's offer to become the new chief of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington. Acting Governor DiFrancesco did not seek election to a full term, and former Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler emerged as the Republican nominee.

While the RGA worked to support these two outstanding gubernatorial candidates, we retained a clear focus on the 2002 election cycle, when the voters of 36 states will elect governors. Of those, 23 are currently held by Republicans, with nine of our incumbents term-limited and ineligible to run for re-election. In Illinois, GOP incumbent Governor George H. Ryan has announced that he will not seek a second term. In addition, four Democratic incumbents and one independent are also term-limited. Seven incumbent Democrats, one independent and 14

Republicans are eligible to seek re-election. Given the near-party split between the parties in both houses of Congress, it is clear that 2002 will be a competitive election year.

On October 25, the RGA hosted a major kickoff event for the 2002 election cycle. This "Evening With President George W. Bush" drew some 1,250 members and supporters to Washington and exceeded the fund-raising goal of \$1 million. While President Bush was unable to



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*Vice President Richard B. Cheney at the RGA fall premier event in Washington, D.C., on October 25. (AP WideWorld Photo.)*



attend due to pressing duties (which we fully understood), Vice President Dick Cheney took his place and updated those in attendance on the ongoing national crisis. Earlier on that date, more than a dozen GOP governors gathered in Washington for the Team 1000 Fall National Leadership Meeting, which also drew key figures from the administration. Those governors later met with President Bush at the White House for an up-to-the-minute briefing on national security and homeland defense issues.

The RGA is already in high gear preparing for our next election year, which will decide who will control America's statehouses during the first decade of the new century. Many of our outstanding Republican governors first elected in the "Class of 1994" are ending their second terms and must leave office. A number of equally outstanding governors elected in 1998 are already actively planning re-election campaigns, and in

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other states where gubernatorial seats are either open or held by Democrats or Independents, strong Republican candidates are emerging.

Your Republican Governors Association is ready and eager to play a central role in these contests.

On the organizational front, Team 1000, our new grassroots effort, has enrolled some 1,000 new RGA members and supporters. The RGA Web site has been redesigned to provide even more information to the public and members of the media, and to attract new members. Our enhanced Web-based e-mail system allows us to disseminate information, including our RGA daily news summary, bimonthly newsletters, talking points and important briefing materials, with only a few keystrokes. The Web site contains many state-of-the-art features designed to improve efficiency and communications.



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*Former Lieutenant Governor Mark Schweiker takes the oath of office to succeed Tom Ridge as governor of Pennsylvania on October 5.*



*"The terrorists thought to divide us by attacking our symbols — but they only strengthened our spirit.... America is a land of many differences. The terrorists thought those differences were opportunities they could exploit. They could not comprehend how those differences could be our greatest strengths."*

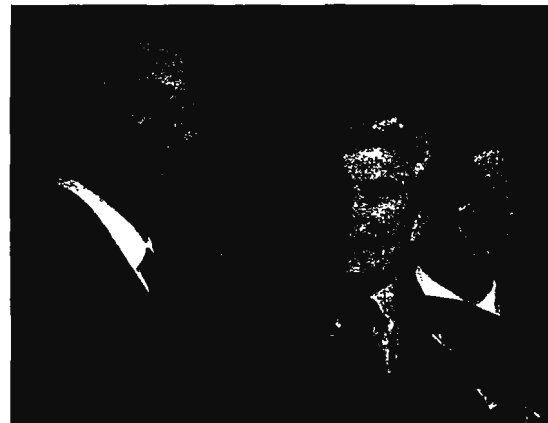
— RGA Chairman  
John G. Rowland (CT)  
on October 12

## **Republican Governors Respond to September 11**

*"Great tragedy has come to us, and we are meeting it with the best that is in our country, with courage and concern for others. . . . This is what our enemies hate and have attacked. And this is why we will prevail."*

— President George W. Bush

- In New York, Governor George E. Pataki stepped forward as a leader and uniter of his people in the wake of the worst of the terrorist attacks. He coordinated fund-raising efforts for the victims, mobilized state resources and refused to bow to terror, announcing that New York would rebound and recover. Public support for the governor soared.
  - In Virginia, Governor Jim Gilmore rushed state resources to the site of the Pentagon attack. He also launched a special task force to coordinate and inspire economic recovery.
  - In Pennsylvania, Governor Tom Ridge oversaw the state response to the airline crash in his state, then stepped forward to accept President Bush's request that he serve as the nation's new Director of Homeland Security. Lieutenant Governor Mark Schweiker, who was sworn in on October 5, quickly appointed a governor's task force on security.
  - In Connecticut, Governor John G. Rowland enhanced airport security and implemented a statewide help line for the families of many Connecticut residents who were victims of the New York attack.
- In Oklahoma, Governor Frank Keating, whose state experienced the last major domestic terrorist attack in 1995, mobilized National Guard resources to rush blood to New York on September 11. As the only governor who participated in an earlier national exercise on the threat of bioterrorism, Governor Keating also emerged as a national spokesman on this important issue.
  - In New Jersey, Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco created an Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance to help thousands of families touched by the New York attacks
  - In Michigan, Governor John Engler dispatched National Guard and law enforcement assets to tighten border security with Canada.
  - In Texas, Governor Rick Perry established a state Task Force on Homeland Security to examine border and coastline security issues.



*Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore (VA, left) and U.S. Senators John Warner (center) and George Allen call for the reopening of Reagan National Airport after the September 11 terrorist attacks.*

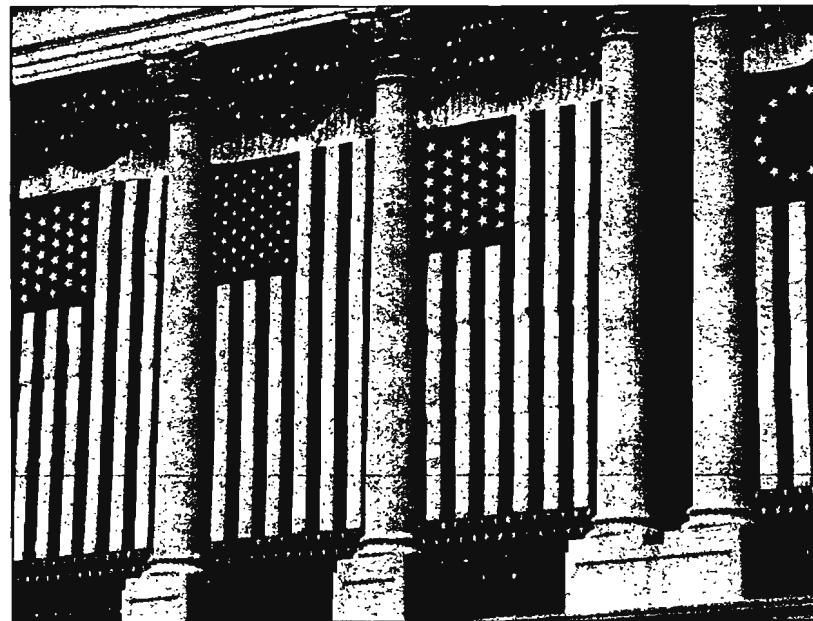


*"It may be easy  
to destroy steel and  
glass, but it's  
impossible to destroy  
the hearts of the  
American people."*

— Illinois Governor  
George H. Ryan

- In Florida, Governor Jeb Bush created Operation Paycheck to assist state residents left jobless by economic problems stemming from the attacks.
- In Ohio, Governor Bob Taft stepped up security measures at six major commercial Ohio airports and then flew from Cleveland to Columbus on October 5 to bolster public confidence in air transportation. "We are responding to President Bush's call to restore confidence in commercial air transportation and protect the people of our state," Taft said.
- The Nevada Homeland Security Commission, created two years ago by Governor Kenny Guinn, is nearing completion of a three-year strategic plan. The plan will qualify Nevada for additional federal domestic terrorism funding and additional anti-terrorism funds to help state and local agencies purchase equipment, and plan and train in preparation for potential attacks.
- Utah Governor Mike Leavitt, Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer and Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne held prayer services at their state capitols to comfort their citizens.
- Arkansas' Mike Huckabee and Governors Mike Foster (LA) and Bill Janklow (SD) visited blood donation centers and mosques to express support for Arab-American and Islamic communities. "Religious freedom is the foundation of our democracy," said Foster.

Across America, Republican governors joined their peers in other parties, President Bush and the American people in affirming the nation's strength and in supporting homeland security efforts.



*On January 20, 2001, George W. Bush was sworn in as the 43rd President of the United States. Flags were draped over the U.S. Capitol for the inauguration. The U.S. flag remains a symbol of hope and freedom throughout the world.*

*We would like to offer a special thanks to Mike Brake of Oklahoma who has graciously and expertly assisted the RGA with several projects throughout the year, including the 2001 annual report.*

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1996 - 97	Governor Terry E. Branstad, Iowa
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1998 - 99	Governor Frank Keating, Oklahoma
1999 - 00	Governor Ed Schafer, North Dakota
2000 - 01	Governor Jim Gilmore, Virginia *
2001	Governor Tom Ridge, Pennsylvania **

\* Appointed Chairman of the Republican National Committee

\*\* Appointed Director of the Office of Homeland Security



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January 31, 2001

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense  
100C Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

I am writing to invite you to join our fellow Republican colleagues and myself at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Republican Governors Association "America's Majority Dinner." This year's dinner will be held on **Monday, February 26, 2001**. We are anticipating over 1,500 of our RGA members to attend and would appreciate your willingness to serve as a table host for the evening.

This is the single most important event for the RGA in 2001, and all 29 Republican Governors would greatly appreciate your attendance to make certain this event is a success. The Dinner will be held at 6:15 p.m. at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

I appreciate the help you have provided in the past for the Republican Governors, and I look forward to seeing you on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Tom Ridge  
Governor of Pennsylvania  
RGA Chairman

*P. S. Please have your staff complete the attached reply form and fax it back to Katie Root at the RGA (202) 863-8659. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly or Katie Root at (202) 863-8587. Thank you.*





REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION  
*NOW AMERICA'S MAJORITY*

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RGA AMERICA'S MAJORITY DINNER**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2001**

**6:15 P.M. – DINNER AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**REPLY FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please reserve my place at the 2001 "America's Majority Dinner" on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a space for my spouse/guest.

Spouse/guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Unfortunately, I cannot attend the 2001 "America's Majority Dinner" on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please complete your office contact information below:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF OF STAFF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please have a member of your staff fax this reply form to Katie Root at (202) 863-8659 no later than Monday, February 12, 2001. Thank you!



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REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

*NOW AMERICA'S MAJORITY*

January 4, 2001

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary-designate of Defense  
Department of Defense  
1000 Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary-designate Rumsfeld,

On Friday, January 19, 2001, the Republican Governors Association (RGA) will hold a luncheon for our supporters at the JW Marriott in Washington, DC. This luncheon will give Republican Governors, their staff, and members of the RGA from across the country, the opportunity to meet with Bush-Cheney Administration members and discuss important issues and initiatives at the forefront of the nation.

On behalf of the RGA, I would like to invite you to participate as a table host. I am certain members would be delighted with the chance to visit with and hear about the Administration's plans for America's future from our Administration Leaders themselves. Our luncheon is from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. We would appreciate it if you would be able to stay for the entire luncheon, schedule permitting.

I will have Cherisse Richmond with the RGA contact your office shortly to check your availability on that date. Please feel free to have your staff contact me or Cherisse at 202/863-8523, should you have any questions.

I look forward to your positive response and your participation in our event.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James S. Gilmore, III".

James S. Gilmore, III  
Governor of Virginia  
Chairman, Republican Governors Association



## REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

January 22, 2007

The Honorable Robert Gates  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Penatagon  
Arlington, VA 20301

Dear Secretary Gates,

On behalf of the Republican Governors of the United States, I invite you be our guest at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual gala, "*A Celebration of America's Leaders*" in Washington, DC on Monday, February 26, 2007.

I am expecting all 21 of my colleagues to be in attendance for this gala along with special guest President George W. Bush. This is the RGA's largest event and helps determine the level of participation we will play in the 14 gubernatorial races we face in 2007 and 2008.

The gala will be held at the National Building Museum (401 F Street, NW) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To RSVP please fill out the attached reply form, or contact Lindsay Sweetin at (202) 662-4150 or [lsweetin@rga.org](mailto:lsweetin@rga.org).

I look forward to seeing you on February 26, 2007.

Sincerely,

Sonny Perdue  
Governor of Georgia  
RGA Chairman

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## **REPLY FORM**

### **13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RGA GALA, "A Celebration of America's Leaders"**

Monday, February 26, 2007  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

National Building Museum  
401 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

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- Yes, please reserve my place at the "*A Celebration of America's Leaders*" on February 26, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a ticket for my spouse/guest.

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Unfortunately, I cannot attend the "*A Celebration of America's Leaders*" on February 26, 2007.

**Please complete your contact information below:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax the reply form to Lindsay Sweetin at (202) 662-4925, no later than **Thursday, February 22, 2007**. If you have questions, please contact Lindsay at (202) 662-4150 or [lsweetin@rga.org](mailto:lsweetin@rga.org).

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# *Republican Governors of the United States of America*

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KENTUCKY

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VERMONT

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# Leadership Levels

*To guarantee the success of the 2007 "A Celebration of America's Leaders" the RGA requests the active participation of individuals/PACs/corporations to serve as part of the Leadership Committee.*

The levels of the Leadership Committee are described below.

## CHAIRMAN

*Individuals or PACs who contribute \$100,000 / corporations who contribute \$250,000 for "A Celebration of America's Leaders"*

- \* Ten (10) tickets to the "A Celebration of America's Leaders"
- \* Six (6) tickets to the Chairmen's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guests (3 clicks)\*
- \* Four (4) tickets to a private dinner hosted by the Republican Governors on Saturday, February 24, 2007
- \* Four (4) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 26, 2007
- \* "A Celebration of America's Leaders" program recognition as a Chairman
- \* One year Statesman Membership — Including the 2007 Private Dinner Series, the Governors Forum Series and the Regional Roundtable Events

## CO-CHAIRMAN

*Corporations who contribute \$100,000 for "A Celebration of America's Leaders"*

- \* Eight (8) tickets to the "A Celebration of America's Leaders"
- \* Four (4) tickets to the Chairmen's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guests (2 clicks)\*
- \* Two (2) tickets to a private dinner hosted by the Republican Governors on Saturday, February 24, 2007
- \* Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 26, 2007
- \* "A Celebration of America's Leaders" program recognition as a Co-Chair
- \* One year Governors Cabinet Membership — Including the 2007 Governors Forum Series and 2007 RGA Annual Conference.

## VICE CHAIRMAN

*Individuals, PACs or corporations who contribute \$50,000 for "A Celebration of America's Leaders"*

- \* Four (4) tickets to the "A Celebration of America's Leaders"
- \* Two (2) tickets to the Chairmen's Reception & Photo-Opportunity with special VIP guests (1 click)\*
- \* Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 26, 2007
- \* "A Celebration of America's Leaders" program recognition as a Vice Chair
- \* One year Governors Board Membership — Including the 2007 Governors Forum Series and 2007 RGA Annual Conference.

## DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

*Individuals who contribute \$25,000 for "A Celebration of America's Leaders"*

- \* Four (4) tickets to the "A Celebration of America's Leaders"
- \* Two (2) tickets to a private breakfast hosted by the Republican Governors on Monday, February 26, 2007
- \* "A Celebration of America's Leaders" program recognition as a Deputy Chair
- \* One year Individual Governors Council Membership — Including the 2007 Governors Forum Series and 2007 RGA Annual Conference.

## HOST COMMITTEE

*Individuals or PACs who contribute \$15,000 / corporations who contribute \$25,000 for "A Celebration of America's Leaders"*

- \* Two (2) tickets to the "A Celebration of America's Leaders"
- \* "A Celebration of America's Leaders" program recognition as a Host Committee member
- \* One year Governors Council Membership — Including the 2007 Governors Forum Series and 2007 RGA Annual Conference.

## SPONSOR

*Individuals or PACs who contribute \$5,000 / corporations who contribute \$10,000 for "A Celebration of America's Leaders"*

- \* Two (2) tickets to the "A Celebration of America's Leaders"
- \* "A Celebration of America's Leaders" program recognition as a Sponsor
- \* One year Governors Club Membership — Including the 2007 RGA Annual Conference

## INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

*Individual tickets for "A Celebration of America's Leaders" are available for purchase at \$1,000 per person*

*Please note that photographs will be sent upon receipt of contribution to RGA.*

*"A Celebration of America's Leaders"* Chairman

**GOVERNOR SONNY PERDUE**  
RGA Chairman

**GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT**  
RGA Vice Chairman

and

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