

2006 Re-election Editorial Endorsements

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Our Recommendation: Mike Turner clearly the best pick for 3rd District

This year has some Democrats thinking big thoughts about their chances of knocking off Congressman Mike Turner, R-Centerville.

Richard Chema was the top federal prosecutor for criminal cases in this region of Ohio (having been named to that position by a Republican prosecutor), he deserves to be taken seriously.

The case Mr. Chema makes is not fuzzy. It is that the incumbent is a Republican, and a loyal one. People looking for a change should vote for the Democrat, says the Democrat.

However, Rep. Turner himself has not been caught up in any scandals. He has gone about doing the legitimate work of a nuts-and-bolts legislator effectively. He has helped create an agenda for "urban Republicans," pushing his party to support cleaning up "brownfields" so that cities might redevelop them.

He successfully fought a Bush administration plan that jeopardized a federal program — Community Development Block Grants — that urban specialists know to be a good one.

He has impressed his party leaders and won good assignments, such as chairmanship of an ad hoc committee to study security threats to the country.

His experience and record in Congress, as mayor of Dayton and, before that, as a citizen activist, make him clearly a more qualified choice to serve this community in Washington.

Rep. Turner has served energetically, creatively and honorably. He deserves to be judged as an individual. The district would serve its own interests by doing so.

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All factors but one favor **Mike Turner**;
The 3rd District might as well have been designed for him.

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The people who want to take on Turner are facing a heck of a job.

For starters, **Mike Turner** is a very widely known incumbent, and he's good at this politics stuff and hasn't made huge political slipups. That's typically enough. But he's got more.

The 3rd District might as well have been made for him. It is, first of all, somewhat Republican. More important, Turner is the former Republican mayor of the most Democratic part: Dayton.

Frequently, when an incumbent member of Congress is considered strong, a challenger has difficulty raising any money. However, in 2004, Democratic Jane Mitakides took advantage of her good political connections and raised a thoroughly respectable amount. She ended up with 38 percent of the vote, thus proving that, contrary to conventional political wisdom, it is simply not about the money.

Beating an incumbent is about finding some hook, taking advantage of some embarrassment, some weakness. And, as a general rule, that weakness has to exist before the campaign. It can't be dreamed up by political consultants. Voters are way too skeptical of negative stuff they hear in campaigns about people they've thought reasonably well of.

Some Democrats think the party has a great hook on Turner in 2006: He's a Republican. They will presumably do their best to link him to discredited Republican House leader Tom DeLay and to Republican scandals in general. But it won't be easy.

This year, the national Democrats have been looking around desperately for signs of weaknesses in Republican House members. Turner hasn't made their lists as vulnerable. That tells you something.

Of course, if you're Turner, you run scared. You entertain nightmares about the Republican ticket going down in flames in all the statewide races, and you wonder what effect that might have on you. You expect not to do as well as in 2004.

But you've got some room to decline. When George W. Bush was losing Montgomery County by a percentage point and a half in 2004, Turner was winning it by 18 (while doing even better in the rest of the district).

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Good choices means good news for voters

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- Ohio Third District Rep. Mike Turner also has earned voters' support for another term.

Many Highland County residents have not been pleased with the county's inclusion in the Third Congressional District. That said, Congressman Turner and his staff do make themselves available for Highland County concerns and issues.

The congressman, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, has a strong record of support for the military. This fact is not lost on local veterans, who will remember that Congressman Turner was at the Hillsboro VFW Post 9094 on Sunday morning, Oct. 15 to thank them for their service and to wish them well on a trip to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The largest newspapers in or near the Third District, The Dayton Daily News and The Cincinnati Enquirer, have endorsed Rep. Mike Turner. He's earned those endorsements and deserves to be re-elected on Nov. 7.

THE ENQUIRER

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Enquirer endorses Turner

Former assistant U.S. attorney, Dick Chema has run a strong if somewhat improvised, short-on-cash campaign, upholding the finest tradition of competitive politics by offering a real choice.

We applaud him. And we choose his opponent, Republican incumbent Rep. Mike Turner, for our endorsement.

Turner, a former mayor of Dayton, serves a district that includes his home turf, plus northern Warren County, Clinton County and Highland County.

He has quickly made his mark, establishing himself as a leader on urban issues – a natural outgrowth of his former post – and being named head of the House's new national Saving America's Cities working group.

Turner is committed to having the nation's urban legislators and mayors put their best practices together and press Congress for legislation to let the market work in reviving core cities. Turner deserves the chance to continue work on policies that could help Dayton, Cincinnati and cities throughout our region.

Turner has been a good advocate for his district on preserving jobs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and other issues. He takes a no-nonsense, no-excuses stance on the GOP's Mark Foley scandal. He favors full investigations, wherever they lead.

Mike Turner has the experience and clout to serve the 3rd District well. We endorse Mike Turner.

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By Esquire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 3

Mike Turner (R)

Richard Chema (D)

It's refreshing when a Republican endorses public-private partnerships to revive his deteriorated urban district, as Turner does, rather than trotting out the same old claptrap about the miracle of the market.

Esquire endorses: Turner

2004 Re-election Editorial Endorsements

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Turner has earned return to Congress

By The Dayton Daily News

By any measure, Rep. Mike Turner has done well for a newcomer. With the same sort of energy he exuded as Dayton's mayor, he has attacked the work. He deserves re-election.

Among his accomplishments is an appointment to the Armed Services Committee, which allows him to look after the interests of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Creating exposure for the base, can pay off when Congress has to decide which bases to spend money on.

Rep. Turner also got the speaker of the House to make him chairman of a new Republican "working group" to advocate for cities. In that position, Rep. Turner has gotten attention for a brownfields initiative that marries tax incentives and environmental cleanups at abandoned and hard-to-sell industrial properties.

Rep. Turner, is facing an aggressive challenger, making her first run for office, Jane Mitakides, 55. Though

she doesn't have Rep. Turner's polish, she is every bit as eager.

Ms. Mitakides' main charge against Rep. Turner is that he's ideologically out-of-step with his district. Ms. Mitakides also says—unfairly and hyperbolically—that Rep. Turner is "perhaps the only member of the U.S. House of Representatives to have professionally sent American jobs overseas." She's referring to the fact that Rep. Turner's former employer, Raj Soin, has a company that has operations in India.

Rep. Turner shouldn't have to personally account for every act of a former employer, but, more important, lots of American companies have a substantial foreign presence. If Ms. Mitakides wants to echo the Democrats' charge this year that the tax code shouldn't reward companies that send American jobs offshore that's fair enough. But in a global marketplace, companies are going to be far-flung, and some of those operations will create jobs at home.

What most sets apart Rep. Turner and Ms. Mitakides are his connections in the Miami Valley. Having served two terms as mayor, he knows the community and its problems at a level Ms. Mitakides does not. That history alone is important, but he also has made things happen.

No one was lining up to take on Rep. Turner. Ms. Mitakides is doing so respectably. He just happens to be a very capable congressman and opponent.

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Cincinnati Enquirer

Endorsements for Congress

Mike Turner

Voters should send Republican Congressman Mike Turner back to Washington for a second term to represent the 3rd District, which encompasses half of Warren County. Turner's experience as the former mayor of Dayton is an asset inside the beltway, where urban issues can get lost.

Turner has quickly made a name in Washington. He recently was appointed to the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Government Reform. The Armed Services appointment is especially important for Turner and for Dayton, home of Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Turner can help protect some 40,000 jobs in the region linked to the base.

Turner was also named chairman of a new Republican Saving America's Cities Working Group, which is finding ways to help revitalize cities. Turner is pushing "brownfields" legislation that will offer tax incentives for business to develop land in urban areas that are environmental sites or vacated by industry.

His opponent, 55-year-old Jane Mitakides of Dayton, is a conservative Democrat, and has criticized Turner. She is passionate on issues, but she lacks the experience of Turner, who has earned a second term.
