



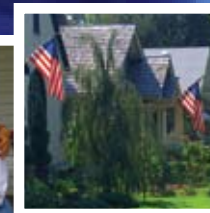
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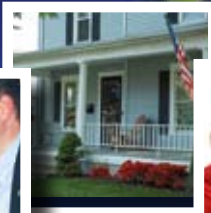
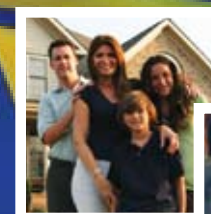
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Sticking to principles benefits Hoosiers

As a freshman legislator, having a special session was a mixed — but invaluable — experience. During both the regular and special sessions, I seized every opportunity I could to influence the outcome.

In both sessions, I worked to keep more money in Hoosier taxpayers' bank accounts. In the end, even though we had a special session, Indiana has a lean budget, based on principles I have stood by since my first day in the General Assembly:

The budget satisfies Gov. Mitch Daniels' parameters for a budget he would approve:

- It contains no general tax increases.
- It maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- It uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects. It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support:

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The budget fully funds K-12 anticipated enrollment increases at growing public schools.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding is authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Indiana University Southeast, Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
 - The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

The budget was, in the end, bipartisan. In the House of Representatives, 14 Democrats joined all 48 Republicans in voting for the budget, which passed 62-37. I believe this is the right budget to assure Indiana's fiscal future.



Rep. Clere visits with constituents during a town hall meeting in New Albany.



Rep. Clere listens to debate in the House.

New Indiana University Southeast Education and Technology Building

I promoted this building in both the regular and special sessions, and I am proud to have it in the budget. The \$22 million Education and Technology Building, with its state-of-the-art classrooms and equipment, will expand the capacity and potential of both the IU Southeast School of Education and the Purdue College of Technology.

Tuition exemption for Purple Heart recipients

I co-sponsored this legislation, which honors Hoosier heroes who have sacrificed so much for us. Senate Enrolled Act 39 grants all Hoosier Purple Heart recipients free tuition to state colleges and universities. Previous law provided tuition to those who received the Purple Heart after Sept. 10, 2001, and the children of all Purple Heart recipients.

Ohio River Bridges Project Commission

The commission should put this major transportation project on the fast track. The commission will work with a similar panel from Kentucky to build two bridges linking Southern Indiana and Louisville.

Improving student discipline

School corporations must now develop an evidence-based plan for improving behavior and discipline in school and, thanks to a provision I introduced, parents must be part of the planning process. Discipline is critical to establishing a learning environment that allows students to be successful.



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