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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON

**REMARKS AT A DAVENPORT, IOWA, RALLY**

Wednesday, August 4, 2004

10:40 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

LeClair Park

Outdoors

Davenport, Iowa

Karl Rove

**I. PURPOSE**

To deliver remarks at a Bush-Cheney '04 rally.

**II. BACKGROUND**

You will deliver remarks highlighting a family who benefits from your tax relief. These participants will be seated on stage during your remarks.

The city of Davenport is located in eastern Iowa on the Mississippi River and Illinois border. It is the county seat of Scott County. According to the 2000 Census, Davenport had a population of 98,359, and Scott County had a population of 159,414. Scott County is the third-largest county in the state. You lost Scott County by 3,056 votes in 2000 (46.5 percent to 50.8 percent) and lost Iowa by 4,144 votes (48.2 percent to 48.5 percent).

Davenport is the premier city of the Iowa-Illinois Quad Cities – Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline, and Rock Island. The area's economy is a diverse mixture of manufacturing with John Deere and Sears plants, trade with ports on the Mississippi River, and agriculture on the outskirts of the city. Iowa's unemployment rate stands at 4.3 percent as of June 2004, 0.4 percentage point below its peak of 4.7 percent in July 2003. As of June 2004, the national unemployment rate is 5.6 percent.

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LeClair Park

LeClair Park is named after Antoine LeClair who co-founded Davenport with Colonel George Davenport in 1836. The park was created in the 1930s when the city underwent riverside improvements.

**Note:** This event is in Congressman Jim Nussle's (R, IA-01) district, and he will attend.

**Note:** In Davenport, a loaf of bread costs \$1.02, a gallon of milk costs \$2.76, and a gallon of gas costs \$1.76.

**Note:** No Iowans have died serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. Twelve Iowans have died serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

Congressman Jim Nussle (R, IA-01), State Campaign Co-Chair, Bush-Cheney '04 (will deliver remarks during pre-program and introduce you)

#### Participants Highlighted in Remarks

Lorie and Thomas "Tom" Melchert (Tax Family) (T)

**TBD** (Workplace Flexibility Employer)

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#### Pre-Program Participants – in order of sequence (seated on bleachers behind you for remarks)

David Roederer, State Campaign Chair, Bush-Cheney '04 (will emcee)

Olen Adams, Pastor, Quint City Baptist Temple (will deliver the Invocation)

**TBD** Boy Scout Troop (will lead the Pledge of Allegiance)

Nicole White, Miss Iowa 2003 (will sing the National Anthem)

Mayor Charles "Charlie" Brooke (R), City of Davenport (will deliver remarks)

Tewanta Yerington Jazz Band (will perform)

Congressman Tom Latham (R, IA-04), State Campaign Co-Chair, Bush-Cheney '04 (will deliver remarks)

Congressman Jim Leach (R, IA-02), State Campaign Co-Chair, Bush-Cheney '04 (will deliver remarks)

Larry Gatlin, Country Music Singer (will perform)

#### VIPs in Audience (seated on bleachers behind you)

State Auditor David Vaudt (R)

State Senator Brian Sievers (R)

State Senator Richard Drake (R)

State Representative Chuck Gipp (R), Majority Leader; State Campaign Honorary Co-Chair, Bush-Cheney '04

State Representative Joseph Hutter (R)

State Representative Thomas Sands (R)

State Representative Margaret Tinsman (R)

State Representative Jamie Van Fossen (R)

Mayor Michael Freemire, City of Bettendorf (R)



Carol Schaefer, Chairwoman, Scott County Board of Supervisors (R) (male)  
Steve Aherns, Davenport Alderman (non-partisan position)  
Jamie Howard, Davenport Alderman (non-partisan position)  
Robert McGivern, Davenport Alderman (non-partisan position)  
Leon Mosely, Co-Chairman, Republican Party of Iowa  
Gentry Collins, Deputy Chairman, Republican Party of Iowa

7,000 invited guests, including community leaders and grassroots supporters

White House Staff

Joe Hagin, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations

Bush-Cheney '04 Staff

Ken Mehlman, Campaign Manager

Scott Stanzel, Press Secretary

Scott Kopple, Iowa Executive Director

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

**Note:** The pre-program will have concluded prior to your arrival. Pre-program participants will be seated on stage.

- You arrive and are met by eight greeters (see attached list).  
**Note:** Greeters will proceed to their seats in the front row for your remarks.
- You proceed to greet participants highlighted in your remarks.  
**Note:** Participants highlighted in your remarks will proceed to their seats on stage.
- You proceed to offstage announce and are met by Congressman Nussle.
- Congressman Nussle is announced on to stage.
- You are announced on to stage.
- Congressman Nussle introduces you.
- You deliver remarks.  
**Note:** Congressman Nussle and approximately 300 supporters will be seated behind you during your remarks.
- Upon conclusion of your remarks, you work rope line and depart.

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VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting

## VII. ATTACHMENTS

Background on Participants Highlighted in Remarks  
Background on Greeters

## **BACKGROUND ON PARTICPANTS HIGHLIGHTED IN REMARKS**

Lorie and Thomas “Tom” Melchert [MEL-cher], Tax Family (Davenport, Iowa) (T)  
TBD

## **BACKGROUND ON GREETERS**

**Lynn Karwoski** runs her own Christian counseling practice in Davenport where she works with many different pastors in the community. She has been organizing the Davenport Christian community for Bush-Cheney '04. Her husband, Dave, is a member of the Iowa Republican Party State Central Committee, and they have one daughter, Hope.

**Luana Stoltenberg** has been instrumental in helping to organize the Davenport Christian community for Bush-Cheney '04. She and her husband, Steve, live in Davenport with their son, Zachary, who was adopted from India at the age of two. Luana has been involved with the Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the Quad Cities.

**John Ortega** is the Bush-Cheney '04 Scott County Co-Chair and was recently elected to the State Central Committee representing the First District. He is a Delegate to the Republican National Convention. He has worked as a mainframe computer operator for Bituminous Insurance Companies for 44 years. He is a Vietnam veteran, and prior to working for Bituminous, he served four years in the U.S. Army as a tank commander, earning the rank of Sergeant. He and his wife, Sandra, have four grown daughters: Mary, Nancy, Annie, and Lori, and eight grandchildren.

**Jeanita McNulty** works as a substitute librarian for Scott County Libraries and holds several positions in the Scott County Republican Party, including vice-president of Scott County Republican Women's Unit, co-chair of special events for Scott County Republican Central Committee, and board member for First District Republican Women.

**Josh Lederman** runs his family business, Lederman Bail Bonds, with his three younger brothers. Lederman Bonds does business in six states: Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, Utah, Kansas, and South Dakota. In 1992, he was working toward a master's degree in public policy at the University of Northern Iowa before leaving to help run the family business after his father passed away. In that same year, he flew Doug Gross during his successful campaign for governor. He and his wife, Gillian, have three children: Megan (7), Sam (5), and Hannah (2).

**State Representative Jamie Van Fossen** is serving his fifth term representing Iowa's 81<sup>st</sup> House District, which includes central and east Davenport. He is serving his third term as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He was named "Legislator of the Year" by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) in 2001. He is an economic analyst for MidAmerican Energy Company in Davenport. He lives in Davenport with his wife, Dawn, and daughters Rachel (17), Hannah (13), and Heather (13).

**Dolores Bieber** has worked in various industries in Muscatine, Iowa, for over 50 years, including positions at Muscatine Pro Works Button Factory, Woolworth's Department Store, and the Weber Button Company. She has been an active Republican Party volunteer and is a member of the Muscatine Republican Women's Organization. A widow of 35 years, Dolores proclaims her faith, which is the reason she supports you and calls others on your behalf from her home and regular phone banks in Muscatine County.



**Michael Duffy** is president and CEO of Per Mar Security Services, a business security company. He founded and serves as director of the Per Mar Guard Training Academy, a training facility for guard instruction approved by the Department of Registration and Education in Illinois. He has conducted Crime Conferences for the U.S. Small Business Administration throughout Iowa, has been a lecturer for Iowa Western Community College and Missouri State Teacher's College, and is involved in many security-related associations and organizations. He is a former board member of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce.