

# Bush boosts area GOP candidates

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"Give 'em hell," shouted the Canton Township faithful, and George Bush did.

"I'm a little tired of congressmen that talk one way in Michigan and vote different in Washington, and I'll give you an example," the Republican president said Tuesday, targeting William Ford, D-Ypsilanti, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee and a 28-year veteran of what Bush calls the "gridlock Congress."

In steaming Heritage Park, Bush said Ford "stood against schools of choice and just about every education reform I have put forward. And what's worse, the governor of Arkansas (Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton) agrees with him."

"Should parents have freedom of choice on where to send their kids to school? The governor and the congressman say no. I say yes."

"Do you want to say 'enough' to a Baghdad bully like Saddam Hussein? Gov. Clinton waffled; Congressman Ford said 'no way.' I say yes."

"Do you want a balanced budget amendment to discipline both the Congress and the executive branch? Gov. Clinton and Congressman Ford say no, and I say yes."

"Do you want to limit the terms of congressmen? Gov. Clinton and Congressman Ford say no, and I say yes, it's about time." Bush told the crowd of 5,000, many of them waving symbolic brooms.

"Let's do what those brooms say and clean House," Bush said, mentioning GOP congressional candidates Dick Chrysler of Brighton, Ryan O'Neill of northern Oakland County, Joe Knollenberg of Bloomfield and John Pappageorge of Troy, concluding: "And in this district, send Bob Geake to Washington."

Copies Truman

Bush's bid for a second term is openly a copy of Democrat Harry Truman's bid 44 years ago when he stomped successfully against a Republican Congress.

Canton Township then was a thousand corn and vegetable farmers. Today, it has more than 50,000 suburbanites, both white- and blue-collar workers. It has topped the new housing lists for a decade, and this week Canton got its first presidential visit in recent history.

With redistricting, Republicans see a chance to topple Ford with Geake, a state senator and a 30-year resident of Northville.

Ford issued a statement charging Bush "believes people should be able to take tax money out of public schools and give it to expensive private schools. I do not." Ford scored the administration's stand against abortion, its defense spending and Bush's use of a \$133 million plane.

Geake, a mild-mannered child psychologist, opened the program with the first fiery speech of his career, on which he worked until 1 a.m.

"We know where change must start — in the halls of Congress," he said. "With liberal Democratic career politicians out of the way, we can turn this country around."

"For 28 years, Bill Ford has had a hand in writing budgets — budgets that defy logic, driving the country deeper and deeper into debt."

"Some people believe Congress has been spending money like drunken sailors. I don't believe that's fair — to drunken sailors. Sailors spend their own money. Congress is spending ours," said Geake, his voice rising to a shout.

## Auto jobs issue

Introduced by Gov. John Engler, Bush took a page from Engler's national convention speech on the importance of the auto industry to the entire U.S. economy.

Bush said the fuel economy standards advocated by Clinton — 40 mpg by the year 2000 and 45 by 2005 — "will throw American auto workers out of their jobs, and I'm not gonna have that. We've got to fight that kind of extremism," he said, quoting auto makers as saying it would cost 40,000 jobs.



Hail to the chief: Trumpeter Andy Shornick, a member of the Catholic Central High School Band and Farmington resident, concentrates on his music at Tuesday's rally for President Bush.

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