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Dear Friend,

In this newsletter, I am sharing with you two incredible experiences that I had last fall – a White House State Dinner and a prestigious award that I received. These experiences are due to my position as state representative – a position that I owe to great supporters like you.

I am also detailing the Third Frontier renewal effort that I have been spearheading. We are aiming for the May ballot and you can help us pass this critical piece of economical development legislation.

As always, if you need more information on this legislation or any other legislation, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I remain cognizant at all times of the honor that you have bestowed upon me by allowing me to serve as your representative.

Sincerely,

Jay Goyal  
Ohio House of Representatives

## **President Obama's First State Dinner Honors Prime Minister of India**

When President Obama hosted his first state dinner honoring the Prime Minister of India, Rep. Jay Goyal among the guests. Accompanied by his mother Goyal, Rep. Goyal joined a select group of 350 at event held in a deluxe tented dining room set up on South Lawn of the White House.



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State dinners are a critical part of the diplomatic mission of the United States. It was significant that the Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur as India is the world's largest democracy and a critical economic partner of the United States.

The November 24 dinner was attended by Vice President Biden and his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice and Energy Secretary Stephen Chu.

In a press release prior to the event, Rep. Goyal noted that he was "honored to represent Ohio at the White House where I will discuss the issues and concerns facing Ohio's working families."

## **Statewide Organization Honors Goyal for Work Helping Those with Disabilities**

The Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities named State Rep. Jay Goyal as Legislator of the Year at their annual meeting in December. The Association represents all 88 County Boards in Ohio and presents this award annually to an elected or appointed official who exhibits high accomplishments in legislative leadership for people with developmental disabilities.



While thanking the crowd of 600 attending the event, Goyal quickly turned the spotlight to those gathered at the event, "It is all of you in this room who do all the work to help our most vulnerable citizens," he said.

Liz Prather, Superintendent of the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities speaking of Rep. Goyal at the event noted that "Leadership has nothing to do with age and everything to do with ability. Jay makes sure he understands his constituents' issues and needs. He attends functions and he has always been there for us."

### **Third Frontier Project Headed for May Ballot**

State Rep. Jay Goyal co-sponsored a joint resolution to place a renewal and expansion of the Third Frontier on the May 4, 2010 ballot. The resolution will ask voters to approve the issue of \$50 million in general obligation bonds over five years to fund an extension of the program. The original resolution jointly sponsored by Rep. Sandra Williams of Cleveland included one billion in bonds but was downsized in negotiations with the Republicans.

The Third Frontier Project which was initiated in 2002 is a 10 year \$1.6 billion project to redevelop Ohio's economy by investing in research, commercialization and entrepreneurship in technologies in five industry clusters including biomedical. The project currently scheduled to end in mid 2012 has produced a \$10 return for every \$1 invested according to the independent research and development organization SRI International. The firm was contracted to determine the return on investment by the Ohio Department of Development last summer.

The House has passed the measure and is awaiting Senate action. The issue will appear on the May ballot for the state's electorate approval to become law.

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