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Goodlatte the right voice

Editor, The Recorder,

It's an honor to respond to Leo Schwartz's July 17 analysis of Congressman Bob Goodlatte's record. I welcome the opportunity to reaffirm the Congressman's conservative principles and voting record.

During his five and a half years in office Bob Goodlatte has stood firmly for rights of the individual and the rule of law. He's proven to be impressive and overwhelmingly conservative in his stands in favor of a balanced budget and against any expansion of oppressive bureaucratic big government. His principles are rooted in the basic ideals that our founding fathers incorporated in the Constitution and the common fairness of treatment for all Americans regardless of skin color or religion and whether native born or naturalized.

His voting record reflects a strong support of the second amendment and his vote against the Brady Bill earned him an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association. In addition to the NRA, his opposition to partial-birth abortions and his conservative record is reflected in overwhelming approval ratings

from the Christian Coalition as well as other conservative organizations. High regard for his record prompted an unprecedented endorsement of his candidacy by the Highland County Board of Supervisors. If The Recorder still printed Bob Goodlatte's weekly opinion it would not be necessary to explain his voting record.

Highlanders, in particular, have not forgotten that Bob Goodlatte contributed financially (using his own funds) to the creation of Highland Medical Center and traveled to Highland to dedicate the completed building. He stood with us against the unreasonable demands of the Virginia DEQ and the EPA and against the Air Force when they tried to buzz us with their jets.

Mr. Schwartz's praise of Congressman Paul of Texas is commendable, but Mr. Paul is not a candidate for office in Virginia. Our own Bob Goodlatte has been the right voice for Virginians of the Sixth Congressional District and the Congress ever since he was first elected.

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