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 tive, 3rd District  
**m:**  
 ginning Jan. 1  
**salary:**  
 ) this year  
**ies:**

of Representatives; serve on vari-  
 ed by speaker; maintain offices in  
 handle constituent concerns with  
 or bills and vote on legislation.

average wage earner would keep  
 about \$3,180 a year, or \$106 for  
 every \$1,000 in salary.

**War on terrorism:** "We need to  
 remind other countries they're ei-  
 ther with us or against us," Larsen  
 said. "We have to remember we're  
 dealing with sovereign nations, but  
 we need to take action where it's  
 necessary to protect our interest."

Larsen said the main target  
 should be nations that either possess  
 or are working on developing  
 weapons of mass destruction.

"There, time is critical," he said.

**Differences between the can-  
 didates:** Larsen said what sets him  
 apart from the others is simple: "I'm  
 not a career politician."

Larsen called himself a problem  
 solver who believes "the more com-  
 plicated you make things, the more  
 problems you have. I agree in KISS,"  
 he said. "Keep it simple, stupid.  
 That's the way I'd approach repre-  
 senting the district and the people  
 in it."

Politicians like Souder and  
 Helmke, Larsen said, have done lit-  
 tle more than pay lip service to the  
 major problems facing the country.

"All the politicians do is talk," he  
 said. "I'm done talking. It's time to  
 do something."

**Mark Souder, Republican**

**Age:** 51

**Address:** 2427 Windsong Court

**Occupation:** Member,  
 U.S. House of  
 Representatives

**Education:**  
 Graduate of Leo  
 High School; un-  
 dergraduate de-  
 gree from  
 Indiana Univer-  
 sity-Purdue  
 University Fort  
 Wayne; mas-  
 ter's in business



**Souder**

**William Larsen, Republican**

**Age:** 46

**Address:** 1924 Brandywine Ter-

race

**Occupation:** Engineer at  
 Tokheim Corp.

**Education:**  
 Graduate of  
 Harding High  
 School, engi-  
 neering degree  
 from Purdue  
 University

**Social Secu-  
 rity:** Larsen's  
 interest in So-  
 cial Security  
 goes back to his  
 first job as a

teen-ager when he asked an agency  
 representative how much he'd make  
 when he retired. The worker could-  
 n't tell him, and Larsen's been a se-  
 rious student of the agency ever  
 since.

In order to save the system,  
 Larsen said, Congress must scrap it.  
 He would do away with its best-  
 known feature — payments to re-  
 tirees, their spouses and survivors  
 — and let workers keep the Social  
 Security taxes they now pay to fi-  
 nance their own retirement pack-  
 ages.

That, he said, would mean the



**Larsen**