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No. 2 Dave Hobson

Dave Hobson will be remembered as one of the highest-powered politicians in the history of the region.

During his career, the nine-term Congressman from Springfield is credited with single-handedly saving the Springfield Air National Guard Base and the hundreds of jobs there. He also played a large role in successfully advocating for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process, which is leading to thousands of new jobs in the area.

When Hobson served as the House chairman of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, from 1999 to 2002, any project added was something Hobson pushed through, including several at Wright-Patt. In 2007 alone, he helped secure millions of dollars in Ohio defense projects.

During his time in Congress, Hobson served as the chairman and ranking member of the House Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Committee; senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee; and member of both the Veterans Affairs/Housing Subcommittee and the Budget Committee.

Prior to serving in Congress, he spent eight years as a state senator in the Ohio Senate.

Since his retirement, Hobson has worked as president of Columbus-based business and strategic counsel firm Vorys Advisors LLC, a wholly owned affiliate of the national law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, also based in Columbus.

