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## CHEERS & JEERS

By The Plain Dealer Editorial Board  
October 30, 2009, 5:00AM

**CHEERS** . . . to Airbus, Europe's premier aircraft manufacturer, for its interest in making Ohio a bigger part of its contractor base. The company plans a procurement conference in Brook Park Dec. 7, at which interested Ohio companies can introduce themselves and learn how they might get themselves some work on Airbus projects.

**JEERS** . . . to the Westboro Baptist Church contingent that plans to protest Saturday in Painesville near the funeral of Marine Lance Cpl. David Baker, who was killed Oct. 20 in Afghanistan. Followers of the Kansas church are infamous for ill-mannered public displays blaming homosexuality for every personal and national calamity, however ridiculously unrelated.

**CHEERS** . . . to the roughly 1,400 local attorneys whom the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland estimates will provide some 10,000 hours of free legal work this year to indigent clients. This is National Pro Bono Week in the legal world and Cleveland, with the country's fifth-oldest legal-aid society, has long been a leader in such efforts.

**JEERS** . . . to state Sen. Nina Turner for recording a "robo-call" ad for Bedford Municipal judge candidate Pamela Ann O'Bannon that included the phrase, "Vote early, vote often, vote Democrat." There's nothing wrong with voting early or Democrat. In the age of ACORN, though, "vote often" is particularly bad advice. Turner yanked the ad and said she never meant to suggest anything illegal.

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