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Joseph "Gray" Davis was overwhelmingly elected the 37th governor of California in 1998, winning 58 percent of the vote. As Governor, he made education a top priority, signing legislation to strengthen California's K-12 system by establishing the Academic Performance Index to increase accountability in schools, and expanding access to higher education with a record number of scholarships and college loans. These reforms improved student achievement scores for six consecutive years.

While presiding over California during an economic expansion, Davis made record investments in infrastructure, created four Centers of Science and Innovation on UC campuses, and expanded state health insurance for an additional one million children. He also was the first Governor in the nation to authorize stem cell research.

As Governor he demonstrated bold environmental leadership by signing the first law in the nation to reduce global warming and greenhouse gases. He also created the first Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Registry, and was the first to establish the nation's most ambitious commitment to renewable energy by creating the statewide Renewables Portfolio Standard.

Despite a wave of Republican victories across the nation in 2002, Davis was re-elected to a second term.

Davis graduated from Stanford University (*Cum Laude*) and Columbia Law School, and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service during the Vietnam War. He served as lieutenant governor (1995-1998), state controller (1987-95), and state assemblyman (1982-86).

Davis is *Of Counsel* in the Los Angeles office of Loeb & Loeb, LLP where he provides strategic advice to clients on numerous matters. He is also a member of the bi-partisan Think Long Committee, a Senior Fellow at the UCLA School of Public Affairs, Co-Chair of the Southern California Leadership Council, and speaks before a number of civic and government organizations on important issues of the day. Governor Davis was also proud to be the Keynote Speaker at the Columbia Law School Graduation Ceremony in May of 2009.