

March 3, 2005

Facility                      Congressman Akin To Cut Ribbon                      at New Lighthouse for the Blind

On Friday, March 4, 10:45 a.m. Central time, U.S. Representative                      Todd Akin  
(R-MO) will join Board President Philip Von Gontard                      in a ribbon cutting ceremony  
celebrating the completion of                      an additional manufacturing facility for the  
Lighthouse for                      the Blind in Berkeley, Missouri.

Founded in 1933, the Lighthouse for the Blind has been providing                      meaningful  
long-term employment for blind and visually impaired                      individuals.

WHAT: Congressman Todd Akin will join Board President Philip                      Von Gontard in a  
ribbon cutting ceremony marking the opening                      of a new Lighthouse for the Blind  
Facility;

WHEN: March 4, 10:45 a.m. Central time;

WHERE: 8833, Fleischer Place, Berkeley