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In this second edition, Annis has added a new chapter covering Senator Baker's life and times since leaving the White House in 1988. Scholars of southern history, southern politics, and Tennessee history and politics will find *Howard Baker: Conciliator in An Age of Crisis* an essential addition to their library.

J. Lee Annis Jr. is a professor of history at Montgomery College in Maryland. He is coauthor, with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, of *Tennessee Senators, 1911-2001: Portraits of Leadership in a Century of Change*.

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