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The House vote to kill the Super Collider symbolizes everything that's wrong with the liberal bosses in Congress. The vote is a reckless attempt to strike back at Texas congressmen from both parties who fought to pass the balanced budget amendment. Common-sense Americans all across this country understand the value of the Collider. This project is vital to our position as the scientific leader of the world. That's why I'll pull out all the stops to keep funding the Collider when this issue goes before the Senate.

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SUPER COLLIDER

Vote to kill project shows a loss of vision

Members of the House of Representatives lined up at the microphones Wednesday to explain why Congress should kill the \$8.25 billion Superconducting Super Collider. They argued that the super collider was too costly. They said they were tired of congressional representatives from Texas pushing for a balanced budget and then urging the House to spend billions on the collider.

What House members failed to explain in this ugly show of political muscle is how their assault on the super collider shows a positive vision for America's future. That is something they simply could not do.

The 232-181 vote to kill the project showed little or no concern about the scientific and technological strength of this nation. Instead, House members seemed determined to find a victim to punish for last week's rough debate over a balanced-budget amendment. The Superconducting Super Collider became a convenient punching bag for Congress' frustrations.

It is vital that the Senate not fall prey to the same mind-set. The clamor for cost cutting must not be interpreted as a sign of America's willingness to fall behind in scientific research.

No one summed up the devastating impact of the House vote more effectively than Gov. Ann Richards. "This project is not about jobs in Texas," Ms. Richards said. "It is about our vision of our future."

Scientists from throughout the nation have come to Ellis County to be a part of the

Superconducting Super Collider program. They know that cutting-edge technology will emerge from the work they will be performing.

This week, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center announced a \$28 million program to use the collider in cancer treatment. Medical school officials believe that subatomic particles produced by the collider can be used to destroy tumors. The project is just one of many examples of the scientific doors that will be opened by the Superconducting Super Collider.

Without a doubt, Congress no longer can ignore a national debt that has now reached trillions of dollars. Elected representatives must respond to the public's overwhelming desire to curb runaway federal costs.

But the answer to this crisis will not be found by using a meat cleaver to hack away programs instead of setting national priorities. Congress must follow a budgeting strategy that will allow each project and each expenditure to stand on its own merits.

That is the only way the House of Representatives can address our financial dilemma responsibly without relegating this nation to a role of scientific mediocrity. The Superconducting Super Collider is too important to be victimized by political gamesmanship and regional resentment. The Senate should send a loud and clear message to the rest of the world that the United States intends to retain its position of leadership in science.

