

TALKING POINTS

**GROUND BREAKING FOR
RUSSELL STOVER CANDY PLANT
ABILENE, KANSAS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11
10:00 A.M.**

**0 IT IS A PLEASURE TO JOIN
THE RUSSELL STOVER FAMILY
AND THE CITY OF ABILENE IN
CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT
EVENT FOR BOTH.**

**0 MY PERSONAL WELCOME TO
TOM WARD, HIS WIFE, DEBBIE,
AND THEIR DAUGHTER,
CATHERINE. I HAVE HELD**

**SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS
WITH TOM, HIS FATHER,
LOUIS, AND HIS BROTHER,
SCOTT, TO CONVINCING THEM
THAT THIS NEW PLANT
SHOULD BE LOCATED IN
KANSAS.**

**0 I'VE KNOWN THE WARD
FAMILY SINCE LOU AND I**

**WERE KAPPA SIGMAS
TOGETHER AT KU AND WAS
GLAD THAT HE'D TAKE MY
PHONE CALLS.**

**0 THIS IS SHOT IN THE ARM FOR
THE ENTIRE REGION -
ANOTHER COMMITMENT TO
REVITALIZING OUR RURAL
COMMUNITIES AND TO**

DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMIC BASE.

**0 ABILENE HAS TAKEN A BOLD
STEP IN COMPETING FOR
THIS, AND RUSSELL STOVER
IS SHOWING ITS FINANCIAL
SAVVY BY MOVING FORWARD
TO EXPAND.**

**0 NOW, KANSAS CAN LAY CLAIM
TO BEING THE HOME OF
SUCH POPULAR TREATS AS
"MINT DREAM" AND "PECAN
DELIGHTS."**