

A Stout Defense of Nixon

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Americans should "get down on their knees and thank God for President Nixon instead of trying to impeach him," Congressman John Rhodes (Rep-Arizona) said here yesterday.

Rhodes, the Republican whip in the House of Representatives in line to succeed Gerald Ford as minority leader, cited among Mr. Nixon's accomplishments the detente with Russian and China, and the landing of man on the moon. Rhodes spoke at a fund-raising dinner of Douglas county Republicans.

As for the furor over Watergate, he said the chance the President would resign are "slim and none."