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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TEXAS REPUBLICANS: WILLIAMS/GRAMM/SHINE
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TIME?**

((Acknowledgements)) And I'm glad to be here in Waco with the next governor of Texas, Clayton Williams. ////

((I'm sorry we're a little late. Claytie and I both set off the metal detectors with our silver feet.)) Claytie's running hard, and he's running to win. His victory will be one for Texas values -- common sense, hard work and honesty. And his win will be one for the hard-working people of Texas. This time tomorrow -- with your help -- we'll make him Governor Clayton Williams. //

And it's great to see one of our Republican leaders in the United States Senate, Phil Gramm. He's made a name for himself as one of America's best fiscal conservatives, and we need to keep him right where he is in the Senate. ///

But here I am in Waco, deep in the heart of Texas, with one of our brightest stars and your next great Congressman, Hugh Shine. He's a Texan born and bred, a veteran, successful businessman and family man. A man of conviction. A public servant with integrity. And a leader with true potential. I need Hugh Shine in Congress, and so do the people of Waco. //

Great to be here in the hometown of the Baylor Bears and your bear mascot. ((Hugh says he's rooting for the Bears at Homecomings this weekend against the Razorbacks. [Right hand

in bear claw] -- "Sic 'em Bears!") Here's my prediction: Our Texas Republican ticket is going to win tomorrow, faster than the bear can drink his Dr. Pepper.//

I think one of the most important things we can do together is to get more Republicans elected -- in every town, in every state and for every federal seat in this land. Because the Republican party is the party with an agenda -- the party of change, not the status quo -- the party of new ideas.

There is no higher domestic priority on the Republican agenda than the economy -- the job-creating engine that every family in this country counts on. In recent months we've seen some uncertainty and concern about slower economic growth. That's why a budget agreement was crucial -- and why I was willing to go the extra mile to get it.

Despite tough negotiations, we finally reached a budget agreement with the Democrats controlling Congress. There were clear differences between the parties in how to cut the deficit.

The Democrats wanted to raise taxes, including income tax rates for working Americans. I wanted to reduce the deficit with spending cuts. What we got was a compromise: some taxes but almost \$500 billion in deficit reduction in five years. **\$350 billion in spending cuts -- the largest in history.** Incentives to make America less dependent on foreign oil. //

And we put Congress on the pay-as-you-go plan. The enforcement provisions in this agreement are real -- they are strong. No longer will federal programs be funded with red ink.

// ((Hugh says the way to stop this runaway spending by Congress is the balanced budget amendment and the line item veto. I couldn't agree more.))

Finally, we held the line against reckless cuts of our Armed Forces to ensure that America's defenses remain strong -- second to none. We owe that to our men and women in the Persian Gulf.

And along with economic strength, we have another important difference with the other party -- we believe in a strong defense. *E. Europe* *For Reps, held strong. Now, blossoming E. Eur. Working w/ Secs.*

There's a reason we're able to stand strong against aggression in the Persian Gulf. It's because Republican leadership has ensured that ^{*Today*} our defense capability is nothing less than the best.

There's an old saying, that if trouble breaks out, you don't have time to go shopping. **Technology doesn't happen overnight.** Most weapons systems take a decade or more to move from the drawing board to deployment. America's strong defense is made possible by decisions made years earlier -- decisions made by Republicans leadership. And with leaders like Phill Gramm in the U.S. Senate, America will always stand strong.

But beyond a strong economy and a strong defense, there is still work to be done on the Republican agenda. **America is fed up with crime.** And Republicans know handcuffs belong not on the cops and the courts -- handcuffs belong on the criminals. \\\

Shortly after taking office, I stood before the U.S. Capitol and called on Congress to pass tough new laws to help America

"Take Back the Streets." Instead, in the final hours of the Congress, Democratic liberals choked -- and completely gutted our package to fight back against violent crime.

Republicans fought for habeas corpus reforms -- aimed at stopping convicted criminals from endlessly abusing the appeals process. Republicans fought for reforms of the exclusionary rule -- a judge-made law that lets the guilty go free. And Republicans fought for a real federal death penalty for drug kingpins and terrorists. The liberal Democrats blocked these provisions -- blocked the will of the American people.

So now, a year after that rainy morning in Washington, I've come to the hometown of the famous Texas Rangers -- oldest law enforcement organization in the country -- to say this: Republicans want change. We want a criminal justice system that is at least as tough as the criminals. Give me more Republicans, and we'll get the job done.

Republicans truly want to build a better America. To do it, we need more Republicans. We need a strong Congressman like Hugh Shine and a Senator like Phil Gramm on Capitol Hill. And we need a governor like Clayton Williams in the State House. I need them, Texas needs them, and most of all, America needs them. //

Today, we're here to express our partisan point of view -- to participate with pride in our political process. But now, let me put partisan politics aside. I know that everyone in this country is vitally interested in the situation in the Middle East, so let me bring you up to date. Former Senator Vandenberg

was right when he said, "Politics ends at the water's edge." I am grateful to the leaders and other Members of Congress -- Democrat and Republican -- for their bipartisan support.

On August 2nd, Iraq invaded Kuwait. They literally raped, pillaged, and plundered this once-peaceful land -- this nation that is a member of the Arab League and of the United Nations. Iraq began to brutally and systematically dismantle Kuwait -- shipping its medical equipment, its machines, its records, its gold -- back to Baghdad. They have tried to silence Kuwaiti dissent and courage with firing squads. In one incident, a 15 year-old boy gunned down, his family forced to watch. His crime -- passing out leaflets.

The United States and the rest of the world, united in anger and outrage, determined to force Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. On August 5th, Saddam Hussein announced he was pulling his forces out of Kuwait. At that very moment he sent his armor and his troops south to mass along the Saudi border, threatening yet another member of the U.N. and Arab League.

Subsequently, the United Nations Security Council passed ten resolutions of condemnation and disapproval. On August 5th, I said Saddam Hussein's aggression will not stand. Today I am more determined than ever: This aggression will not stand. ///

This morning over 300 Americans, innocent civilians, are held against their will in Iraq. Many of them reportedly staked out as human shields, near possible military targets -- something even Adolf Hitler didn't do.

Many more Americans are in hiding in Kuwait, their lives at stake; 27 imprisoned in the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait City. They are cut off from food and other supplies. They are surrounded by Iraqi troops. Our flag still flies but the rights of these American citizens are, at this very moment, being denied by Iraq's brutal dictator.

Let me be clear -- we bear no hostility toward the Iraqi people, nor do any of the over 25 countries represented on land and sea in the Gulf area. We have no argument with the Iraqi people. Our problem is with Saddam Hussein -- alone.

I want a peaceful resolution to this crisis. Indeed, we have worked closely with the United Nations in putting sanctions into effect, in passing resolutions and in speaking with one voice against the invader's aggression.

We are giving the sanctions time to work. I hope there will never be a shot fired in anger, but let me be very, very clear:

There will be no compromise on the stated objectives of the United Nations Security Council resolutions -- none at all. // The brutality against innocent civilians will not be tolerated and will not stand. // Saddam's clear violations of international law will not stand. // And that means, yes, Saddam Hussein's brutal aggression will not stand. //

No one wants a peaceful solution to this crisis more than I do. No one is more determined to see this aggression turned back than I am.

At this moment -- on the other side of the world -- brave men and women in our Armed Services stand at the ready in the desert sun. Hugh's in the Reserves, he's seen some of them -- the best ever to serve. // The last few weeks, many of them have taken time out of their duties to send in an absentee ballot. There's a lesson there -- a lesson in the love of liberty, the precious freedom that gives America its meaning. // So next Tuesday, I urge all Texans: take that lesson to heart. Get out and vote. Don't take democracy for granted.

Once again, my thanks for this warm welcome. We need to send solid Republicans like Hugh Shine to Washington. We need his integrity, his values and his experience. // And let's roll up our sleeves and send Senator Phil Gramm back to the United States Senate. /// And tomorrow, let's make it Governor Clayton Williams. ///

Thank you, and God bless the great state of Texas.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT GOP WELCOME

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Waco, Texas

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THE PRESIDENT: Hugh, thank you for that wonderful introduction, and all of you for that welcome back. And Barbara and I are very, very pleased to be here on this, the last campaigning day before we go to the polls tomorrow. And I say "we" because I have voted in every election since -- every even-year election since 1948. And I don't believe we have ever had a finer young man running for the United States Congress from this district than we do in Hugh Shine. And we've never had a better statewide ticket than we've got. (Applause.)

We have a first-class team running to win, and we need your support tomorrow -- need you to get your neighbors and your friends to the polls.

I'm a little sorry we're late. Claytie and I both set off the metal detectors with our silver feet. (Laughter and applause.) No, I'll never forget that Democratic Convention two --

AUDIENCE: Where's Ann? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I remember Teddy Kennedy, that bastion of democracy, you know -- (laughter) -- saying, "Where's George?" Right here, right here in Waco, supporting the best ticket we have ever had. Clayton Williams, my dear friend; my dear friend, our Congressman Hugh Shine; and of course, we've got the best United States Senator in Washington in Phil Gramm. Now, get out and get this job done. (Applause.)

Hey, listen, it's nice to be back here, I'll tell you. First, I want to thank the Midway High School Band. Where are they? Right over there. (Applause.)

A word about Phil. Who had that Phil Gramm sign right over here? I want to see that thing now. It says it best. Take a look at it -- Common sense, uncommon courage. This man is a man of courage. Took his case to the people, and everybody was saying, oh, don't do that. There's a safer way to win. Went in, regained his seat as a Republican in the House. Ran with a spectacular successful race for the Senate. And now stands to be the largest vote-getter we've ever had. Tomorrow, please remember to get out that vote. (Applause.)

And he's got the respect in the Senate, and he did it the old-fashioned way -- he earned it. Because he does his homework and he knows a lot more about it than most members of the United States Senate. And when I say "it" I mean how you solve the economy of this country the way we Texans want -- fewer taxes and less spending. And he has been a champion of that his whole career. (Applause.)

And that brings me to one of our newest and brightest stars across this country -- Hugh Shine. A strong, proven

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conservative. And he is born and bred here in Texas. He's a veteran, a successful businessman, and what a wonderful family he has. Deb, we're so proud of that great family of yours. A man of conviction; a public servant with integrity; and a leader with enormous potential. You deserve this kind of man in the United States Congress. Please send Hugh up to Washington to help us on our agenda. (Applause.)

And as to the other star of the occasion, my friend of long-standing, Clayton Williams. (Applause.) I am here not to oppose somebody, I am here because I am for him. I know what he can do as governor. As we look at the plans for the future and how we fulfill our education goals, for example, I want somebody in the Statehouse with whom I can continue to work -- work compatibly, work on the same philosophical approach, and solve the problems of Texas without a lot of further mandates from Washington, D.C. And Clayton Williams is that kind of a man. (Applause.)

You see, there's a common theme here. Take, for example, the economy. Unlike the party that only wants to regulate and control, we're the party that wants to innovate. We want a growth agenda. And that means expanding economic opportunities for working men and women. As successful businessmen like you and Clayton Williams know how it's done, because they've done it themselves.

We've got some other good ones. Business people like Rob Mosbacher running for lieutenant governor. And I'm very proud that his dad is with us today. (Applause.) Coming out of business himself, doing a great job as our Secretary of Commerce for the entire country. (Applause.)

But American men and women deserve -- the working ones -- deserve an economy where they can create and prosper. And that's why these three with us here want to encourage enterprise of every kind -- for every Texan, from Houston to El Paso, and from the Panhandle to Brownsville. And that's why in the budget negotiations, we worked so hard to create incentives to make America less dependent on foreign oil. That means jobs and it means jobs in Texas. And I'm glad we got that done. (Applause.)

And we have another common theme here. We Republicans do not waver in our support of a strong, national defense. (Applause.) For 10 years, we've fought firmly against liberal attempts to slash defense. In this recent agreement, defense took some cuts. But I can certify to the American people that because of people like Phil Gramm in the Congress, we were able to hold the line on reasonable levels of defense spending so that I can guarantee that nobody is going to kick the United States of America around. We have a strong defense, the best in the world. (Applause.) And we're going to keep it that way. (Applause.)

You know, it is a fascinating time to be privileged to be President of the United States. Democracy has finally dawned in Eastern Europe, after a cold, dark night of 45 years. And now we bear wonderful witness to a tidal change in the currents of history. And we see America and the Soviet Union working together now to stand against aggression. And there's a reason that we're able to stand strong against aggression in the Persian Gulf, it's because we are determined that our nation's defense be nothing less than the very best. We are credible in the eyes of the entire world. (Applause.)

There's an old saying about defense, that when there's trouble you don't have time to go shopping. Technology doesn't happen overnight. And most defense systems take a decade or more to move from the drawing board to development and then deployment. America's strong defense is made possible by decisions made years earlier. Decisions made by Republican leadership. Ask Hugh. He's a veteran, still serving with the Reserves. And with leaders and dedicated people like that in the Congress, America will always stand strong. That is the first responsibility of a President. And I'll be delighted to be working with Hugh towards that end. (Applause.)

There are many, many other issues where we are on the offense. We've got a new Clean Air bill now. We've done something, finally, for the disabled in a progressive piece of legislation that I think is long overdue -- the Americans with Disabilities Act. Some good things are happening up in Washington. But I've come to the hometown of the Texas Rangers -- one of the oldest law enforcement organizations in America -- to say this: we want change. Republicans want change.

And I sent tough anticrime legislation up to Capitol Hill one year and a half ago. And new laws to let the police and the prosecutors take violent criminals off the streets and put them away. But in the final hours of this liberal, Democrat-controlled Congress, they gutted out legislation in a back room, late at night. Well, I am not going to stop fighting for strong anticrime legislation. The liberals hate it, but America's people want it. And I need more people like Phil Gramm and I need Hugh Shine to help me get the job done for every family in America. (Applause.) We believe it's high time to have a little more sympathy for the victims of crime and a little less for the criminals themselves. (Applause.)

And so we need compatible government. Government in Austin that's going to work with us for these national anticrime objectives. Government in Austin that's going to help us on our National Drug Strategy to combat narcotics coming into every school in the United States. And incidentally, we're making some progress on that, thank heavens. The country's finally come together behind our National Drug Strategy. And I can report to you, we've turned the corner. We are going to whip the battle of narcotics. We're going to win it and we're going to then turn to the future and see what we can do to help those who have been wasted by this terrible peril of drugs.

You know, I want to just end this way. I won't talk to you at length about Iraq, but I know everybody's interested in it. And I have a rare opportunity to talk to a lot of people in the last few days. So I've tried to make very clear that we have a difference here in many of these domestic issues -- clear differences in all of them. But when it comes to the situation in Iraq, the country is united. We're getting strong support from Democrats and Republicans alike in the Congress. The leadership on the Democratic side has been very supportive. And so I ask you now to shift to a nonpartisan basis as I mention just a couple of points.

In the first place, we are in the Gulf, not alone but along with 23 countries. Some of them are Arab countries, some of them are large countries, some of them are small countries. But we are united in one thing -- Saddam Hussein's aggression against Kuwait will not stand. (Applause.) And to the cynics outside who might say we have no business there, I say that unchecked and uncontrolled aggression could be world war tomorrow. And, therefore, we will check this aggression. I want the solution to be peaceful. I will give the sanctions all the time that's required to see if they work. But we will not compromise on the principle that one nation cannot bully its neighbor and take it over in contravention of international law. (Applause.)

I think of this part of Texas as extraordinarily patriotic. I think of this part of Texas as committed to those who are serving our country. And let me tell you, every single member of the Joint Chiefs has told me that we have never had finer, more courageous young men and women serving in our armed forces than we do today. Best trained, best motivated, best committed to the cause that is our cause. (Applause.)

And so in a few weeks, Barbara and I will sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner over there, and I wouldn't dare to speak for everybody in this room, but I expect we're unanimous when I say I will take them the thanks of the very grateful people of Waco, Texas, and the surrounding areas because we owe them everything. (Applause.)

So now get to the polls. We Bushes have enjoyed this. This is my first trip here for Hugh. Our son, George, has been here. The Silver Fox over here has been here a time or two. (Applause.) She's right -- she, 250 million other parents and one husband all feel the same way about it.

Listen, tomorrow is a big day. I get so tired of people saying they can't make a difference. There's a great kind of malaise in terms of the feeling about the political process. You wouldn't be here if you didn't know different. You know you can make a difference. Don't listen to those mournful pundits that come on before every election telling us how bad everything is in this, the greatest country on the face of the Earth. You can make a difference. You can do something positive. You can go out and reelect Phil Gramm by the biggest vote ever. You can send us a governor I can work with, Claytie Williams. And you can send a bright new star to Washington in Hugh Shine. Now go get the job done.

Thank you. (Applause.)

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