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August 14, 2006

Mrs. Bush's Remarks at a Roskam for Congress Luncheon

Medinah Banquet
Addison, Illinois

1:09 P.M. CDT

MRS. BUSH: Thank you all very, very much. Thank you for your very warm welcome. I'm so happy to be with you here today in Illinois, and I want to thank you, Peter, for your kind introduction. I also want to recognize how terrific Elizabeth was. Wasn't she great? (Applause.) In the crowd, I want to recognize Illinois Republican Party National Committeewoman, Mary Jo Arndt, who is one of my good friends. Mary Jo. (Applause.) I think that the Mayor of Addison is here, Mayor Larry Hartwig. Is the Mayor here? Oh, there he is. Thank you, Mayor. (Applause.) And I also want to recognize the Roskam children – Gracey and Frankie and Steve and AJ that I met. (Applause.)

You know, politics really is a family business. Everyone gets involved, whether they want to or not. It's just a fact of life. When you love somebody who's running for office, then you want to stand with them and you want to be with them and help them as much as you possibly can. And when you run for office, you know that it will affect your family, that you've subjected your family to criticism that they might not ever hear otherwise if you didn't have the courage to run. You know they'll hear the person they love criticized, because that's just a fact of life in politics. And I think it's really very, very encouraging when we see people who want to be in politics, who are serving for all the right reasons. And certainly Peter is one of those people, and it's particularly encouraging that his family wants to be with him and wants to stand with him. So I want to thank you all for that. (Applause.)

I'm delighted to be here to support Peter's campaign for the United States Congress, and I'm delighted that each and every one of you are here, as well. It's very important that Peter is elected to the United States Congress.

After 31 years in the House, your great representative, Henry Hyde, leaves big shoes to fill. But as Congressman Hyde himself has said, Peter is the right man to fill them.

Peter will bring to Washington the principles of efficiency and accountability that have defined his time in the State Senate, ensuring that Illinois tax dollars are spent responsibly. Just like he told you a second ago, he supports the idea of Presidential Line Item Veto so that we can really eliminate unnecessary spending from the federal budget.

In Springfield, Peter has opposed tax hikes. He's authored 14 bills to lower your state taxes, and we know that in the United States House of Representatives, Peter Roskam will support tax cuts. And the tax cuts are what fueled our economy. They've helped add 5.5 million new jobs since 2003, and that means 5.5 million people wake up every morning with the dignity and the sense of purpose that comes with a job.

As your congressman, Peter will carry on the important environmental work he's doing here in Illinois. In Wheaton, he and Elizabeth actually founded their hometown's curbside recycling program. And in the State Senate, Peter has sponsored legislation to increase recycling statewide and improve energy efficiency.

President Bush and I share Peter's commitment to protect our natural resources. You all may not actually have heard this, but in June, President Bush designated the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands as a national monument. This designation protects 140,000 square miles of Hawaiian waters and the 7,000 marine species that live there, and makes the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands the largest protected marine area in the world.

And in 2003, President Bush announced the Preserve America Initiative, which encourages communities to safeguard their natural and historical treasures. Protecting our environment is one of the most important things we can do for our children, and for our children's children.

Another important way we can help our young people is by steering them away from dangerous behaviors and guiding them toward the knowledge and the self-respect they need to build successful lives.

In his 2005 State of the Union address, President Bush announced the Helping America's Youth Initiative, and he asked me to lead it. Helping young people learn to make wise decisions for their lives is at the heart of Helping America's Youth.

Since the President announced the initiative, I've traveled to many parts of our country visiting with young people and with the adults who are so important to their lives. I've been to schools and after-school programs. I've visited fatherhood initiatives. I've met with mentors and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Last year, here, I visited CeaseFire Chicago, where Dr. Gary Slutkin is trying to make people realize that violence is learned. If you grow up in a violent behavior, that's what you think is normal. And we can really let young people know that it isn't, and that we need to do everything we can to make sure young people have the chance in every single neighborhood in our country.

All of these visits led to a White House Conference on Helping America's Youth last October. Since then we've had two regional conferences, one in Indianapolis and one in Denver Friday, a week ago, where Dr. Slutkin talked there about this anti-violence program that he has in Chicago. At the conference, we introduced an online, interactive Community Guide. This guide will help concerned adults learn more about the problems facing the children in their communities, and then what their actual assets are, what resources they have in each one of their communities to address those problems. The guide is available at the Helping America's Youth website, www.helpingamericasyouth.gov -- g-o-v, that is. I encourage you to look at the website and to use the resources that you see there in your own communities.

Senator Roskam has a long record of commitment to young people. And like he told you, once he was a school teacher. After graduating from the University of Illinois, Peter's first job was teaching high school history and government in the U.S. Virgin Islands. And Peter will also tell you that it was one of his favorite jobs, and not just because of the location, either. (Laughter.)

In the State Senate, Peter has strengthened Illinois's education system by supporting families and teachers. He's authored legislation that doubles the child tax credit so that families can save more of their earnings for their children's education. He cosponsored a bill that provides tax relief to teachers who use their own money to purchase school supplies. And he supports school employee background checks so that Illinois children will be safe in their own schools.

We all know, though, that the well-being of families in Illinois and throughout our country ultimately depends on our government's ability to protect them -- by defeating terrorism and increasing liberty abroad. Peter will be a champion of the men and women of the United States military.

Thanks to the men and women in uniform, Afghan women and girls can now be educated. It's hard for us to imagine a country that would actually forbid citizens from being educated. But now, little girls are in school all over Afghanistan.

Recently, President Bush traveled to Baghdad to meet with the Iraqi government, and then he hosted Prime Minister Maliki at the White House just a couple of weeks ago. He has pledged that we'll stand with the people of Iraq as they build their new democracy.

Peter Roskam's dedication to the people of Illinois, and his achievements, remind us of why he must be elected to the United States Congress. Peter understands that our country faces challenges too important to be reduced just to politics.

President Bush has an ambitious agenda for the rest of his time in Washington, and he takes his responsibility to the American people very seriously.

Ending our dependence on foreign oil, reforming our immigration system, rebuilding the Gulf Coast, and keeping our country safe from terror are not easy tasks, but they're absolutely vital. To accomplish them, we must have serious national conversations, conducted with civility and respect. And Peter Roskam will be a thoughtful, positive and powerful part of that dialogue.

This is just one reason why Peter is a wonderful leader for Illinois. When you look through his distinguished record of public service, you'll find many, many more.

Thank you all very, very much for coming out today to support Peter. Thank you for your generous support for him. I urge you to redouble your efforts between now and November to make sure Peter Roskam is elected to the United States Congress. Thank you all very much. (Applause.)

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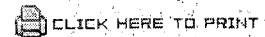
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Mrs. Bush's Remarks at a Mike McGavick for Senate Lunch

Three Rivers Convention Center
Kennewick, Washington

12:54 P.M. PDT

MRS. BUSH: Thank you, Mike, for your very kind introduction, and thanks to each and every one of you for the warm welcome to Washington. I'm so happy to be here in your state. I'm especially happy to have this opportunity to campaign with Mike. It's really important that he's elected to the Senate. He's told you a lot of -- or shown you just by what he said -- a lot of the really important reasons it will be to have Mike McGavick in the Senate. So I'm having a great time traveling with him today.

I know that you all heard that Mike spent part of his summer on the "Open Mike" tour, traveling all around Washington State in a 37-foot red RV holding open forums behind an old radio mic. Well, this morning, Mike is letting me stand in for him at the "Open Mike." I'm just glad I didn't have to drive around in that 37-foot RV from the other Washington to get here. (Laughter.)

I want to acknowledge Gaelynn McGavick. Gaelynn, you were great on what you just said. I think you do see what a wonderful partnership Mike and Gaelynn have. In a race, when you're in a political race or serving in political office, you really do find out that it's a family business, that everybody's involved, whether they want to be or not, and that the children that you have, who hear at home on television things about the person they love things that they don't like, that's just one of the things that does happen for sure, when you take the chance that they're taking and enter public life.

But I do want to tell you that the chance to serve our wonderful country is such a huge privilege. It's worth all of the downside that there might be, being involved in a political race. We have such a spectacular country and such really, really fine people. So it's been a huge privilege for me. I want to thank each one of you for your support for President Bush, as well as for Mike. (Applause.)

I also want to acknowledge, of course, Congressman Don Hastings. Congressman Hastings does a terrific job for you all in Washington, D.C. I think you know that. It's fun to get to be with him in his district today, and his family members. Diane Tebelius is here with us. She's the Chair of the Washington State Republican Party. (Applause.) Ms. Fredi Simpson is here, the Washington State National Committeewoman is with us, as well. (Applause.)

And I want each of you to know how delighted I am to have this chance to be here with you to support Mike McGavick's campaign for the United States Senate. Mike was born and raised in Seattle. He cares deeply about his fellow Washingtonians, and he knows a lot about your state. He's very knowledgeable about Washington.

As chief of staff to another Washington Senator, Slade Gorton, Mike learned the values of civility and cooperation that are so important in the Senate. And he touched on that just then in what he said. And like Senator Gorton, Mike will make the issues that are important to the families of Washington his first priority in Washington, D.C.

Mike brings to the Senate the principles of efficiency and accountability that have defined his life and his successful business career. He'll ensure that Washington state tax dollars are spent wisely and responsibly. Mike supports the Presidential Line Item Veto, which will help eliminate unnecessary spending from the federal budget. (Applause.)

And in the Senate, Mike will support tax cuts. Tax cuts have fueled our economy, and they've helped add 5.5 million new jobs since 2003. And that means 5.5 million more people wake up every morning with the dignity and the sense of purpose that comes with a job.

There are few people more dedicated to creating jobs in your state than Mike. (Applause.) In 2001, one of the state's largest employers, the Safeco Insurance Company, faced almost certain bankruptcy. But when Mike took over as Safeco's CEO, his leadership skills -- his common sense, his commitment to accountability, and his willingness to make tough decisions -- turned the company around. By 2004, Safeco was profitable again, saving the company from going out of business and saving thousands of Washington jobs.

These jobs represent more than paychecks for Washington families. They offer Washington's young people the hope of good employment, which is one of the most important things we can do for our young people.

Another important way we can help young people is by guiding them toward the knowledge and the self-respect they need to build successful lives.

In his 2005 State of the Union address, President Bush announced the Helping America's Youth Initiative, and he asked me to lead it. Helping young people learn to make wise decisions for their lives is at the heart of Helping America's Youth.

Since the President announced the initiative, I've traveled to many parts of our country, visiting with young people and the adults who are so important to their lives. I've been to schools and after-school programs. I've visited fatherhood initiatives. I've met with mentors and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I've visited gang intervention programs, where I've met the young people who are leaving gangs and finding jobs.

All of these visits led to the White House Conference on Helping America's Youth last October, and then to two regional conferences recently in Indianapolis and Denver. At the conferences, we introduced an online, interactive Community Guide. This guide helps concerned adults learn more about the problems facing the young people in their communities, and what local resources are available to address these problems.

The information is on the Helping America's Youth website, www.helpingamericasyouth.gov -- that's g-o-v. And I urge you to look at the website, and use it here in your communities in Washington.

Mike is also committed to the well-being of young people. And he told you one part of what he's most interested in. He's especially dedicated to an issue that's close to my heart, and that's early childhood literacy. Mike understands that education is vital to every child's success, and that learning begins in the very first years of a child's life. As CEO of Safeco, Mike worked with other Washington business leaders to launch the Business Partnership for Early Learning -- which will invest more than \$4 million over the next five years in early-learning initiatives here in your state.

We all know, though, that the well-being of families in Washington and throughout our country ultimately depends on our government's ability to keep them safe -- by defeating terrorism and increasing liberty abroad. (Applause.) In the Senate, Mike will be a champion of the men and women of the United States military.

Thanks to our men and women in uniform, the Iraqi people are now free from the oppression of Saddam Hussein and working to build a democratic future for their country. President Bush has pledged that the American people will stand with them as they build their democracy. We've invested too much -- our own troops have, our country has -- to pull out on the Iraqis now. (Applause.) With us today is Shelly Best, who lost her husband, a Marine Sergeant who was killed in a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2004. And Shelly's over here. (Applause.) All of us are so proud of those young men and women who are deployed around the world defending our country and making sure our families are safe here in the United States.

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Mike's dedication to the people of Washington and his achievements remind us of why it's so important for him to be elected. Mike understands -- and this is what he told you when he spoke -- that America faces challenges too important to be reduced to simple politics and name-calling.

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Mrs. Bush's Remarks at Chris Wakim for Congress Fundraiser

Shaw House
Fairmont, West Virginia

4:56 P.M. EDT

MRS. BUSH: Thank you very much, Chris, thank you to everyone who has come out to support Chris. And thank you very, very much from the bottom of my heart for coming out to welcome me, too.

I want to thank Sandi Dunn, the event co-chair; Mike Shaw, who owns the house and the event co-chair. Thank you very, very much. I also want to recognize Jeannette Wakim and their children, who are here with them -- where is Jeannette? Right around here, right around the corner. Thank you so much, Jeannette. (Applause.)

You know, politics ends up really being a family business, and every member of the family is involved, whether they want to be or not. And it's a huge benefit for a candidate if his family stands with him. And I can tell that Jeannette stands with Chris, and both of their children stand with him, as well. So thank you all, thank you very much. (Applause.)

I'm delighted to be in West Virginia, and here at the beautiful Shaw House. Before I came, I read an article in the Times West Virginian about the last-minute preparations for this event. The story said that "workers were wielding weed whackers, trimming the ivy beds, and planting fresh flowers and holly trees on the grounds of the three-story Tudor Revival home."

I wish I could've told you before I came, there's no rush. (Laughter.) After spending last week at Crawford with the President, I'm used to the sounds of clearing brush. (Laughter and applause.) But everything looks really lovely, and I'm happy to be here with you to support Chris Wakim for the United States Congress.

Chris cares deeply about West Virginians and the people of the First District. He's committed to improving your state's health-care system, so that more West Virginia families will have access to good medical treatment. In Congress, Chris will be especially dedicated to West Virginia's senior citizens. He'll protect retirees' benefits, and help West Virginia seniors enjoy the access to low-cost medications, and the peace of mind provided by the Medicare prescription-drug coverage plan.

Chris Wakim will bring to Washington the principles of efficiency and accountability developed during his successful career as a small-business owner -- ensuring that West Virginia tax dollars are spent wisely and responsibly. During his time in Charleston, Chris has supported every tax-relief measure brought before the House of Delegates. And in the U.S. House of Representatives, Chris will support the President's tax cuts. (Applause.)

These tax cuts have fueled the economy, and they've helped add 5.5 million new jobs since 2003. And that means 5.5 million more Americans wake up every morning with the dignity and the sense of purpose that comes with a good job. Offering young people the hope of good employment is one of the most important things we can do for our children.

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Since the President announced the initiative, I've traveled to many parts of our country, visiting with young people and with the adults who are so important to their lives. I've been to schools and to after-school programs. I've visited fatherhood initiatives. I've met with mentors and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I've visited gang intervention programs, where I met with young people who are leaving gangs and finding jobs.

All of these visits led to the White House Conference on Helping America's Youth last October, and then to two regional conferences recently -- one in Indianapolis and one in Denver. At the conferences, we introduced an online Community Guide. This guide helps concerned adults learn more about the problems facing the youth in their community, and what local resources they have to address those problems.

The guide is available on the Helping America's Youth website, www.helpingamericasyouth.gov -- that's g-o-v. I encourage you to look at the website and use the resources there in your communities.

Chris Wakim is committed to improving opportunities for West Virginia's youth, and he just told you that. In the House of Delegates, Chris has consistently supported full funding for the PROMISE Scholarship program, allowing more West Virginia students to realize the dream of a college education.

And Chris shares the concern of many West Virginians as they see this state's bright young people leave for jobs in Ohio, Kentucky, or the Carolinas. In the House, Chris will be a powerful advocate for traditional West Virginia industries like coal, steel and timber. (Applause.) But he'll also work to bring new industries to your state. These new businesses will help West Virginia's economy, and help attract 21st century jobs here, so that young West Virginians will benefit from America's strong economy and choose to raise their families here at home.

We all know, though, that the well-being of families in West Virginia and throughout our country ultimately depends on our government's ability to protect them -- by defeating terrorism and increasing liberty abroad. Chris appreciates the needs of our troops during this crucial time in our country's history. A graduate of West Point, Chris served more than a decade as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. And in Congress, Chris will be a champion of the men and women of the United States military. (Applause.)

And thanks to the men and women of the United States military, Afghan women and girls can now be educated. (Applause.) It's hard for us to imagine a country that would forbid half of its citizens from being educated. But now, little girls are in school all over Afghanistan.

Recently, President Bush traveled to Baghdad to meet with the new Iraqi government, and then he hosted Prime Minister Maliki at the White House just a couple of weeks ago. President Bush has pledged that we'll stand with the people of Iraq as they build their new democracy.

Chris Wakim's dedication to the people of West Virginia, and his achievements, remind us of why he must be elected to Congress. (Applause.) Chris understands that America faces challenges too important to be reduced to politics. President Bush has an ambitious agenda for the rest of his time in Washington, and he takes his responsibility to the American people very seriously.

Ending our dependence on foreign oil, reforming our immigration system, rebuilding the Gulf Coast, and keeping our country safe from terrorism are not easy tasks, but they are absolutely vital goals. To accomplish them, we must have serious national conversations, conducted with civility and respect. And Chris Wakim will be a thoughtful, positive and powerful part of that dialogue.

This is just one reason why Chris will be a wonderful leader in the United States Congress for West Virginia. (Applause.) When you look through his distinguished record of public service, you'll find many more.

Thank you very much for coming out to support Chris. Thank you for coming out to say hello to me. And thank you for your generous support of his election. I urge you to redouble your efforts between now and November to make sure Chris Wakim is elected to the United States Congress.

Thank you all very much. (Applause.)

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