APPENDIX –
SPEECHES BY SEN. TED CRUZ, SEN. MARCO RUBIO,
GOV. BRIAN SANDOVAL, AND GOV. SUSANA MARTINEZ

Ted Cruz remarks at the Republican National Convention.

Good evening. I have the honor of standing before you this evening for one reason, because thousands upon thousands of grassroots activists stood united, not for a candidate, but for the sake of restoring liberty. Accountability, quite rightly, rests firmly in the hands of We the People.

Since 2010, something extraordinary has been happening, something that has dumbfounded the chattering class. It began here in Florida in 2010. In Utah, Kentucky, Pennsylvania. Was repeated this summer in Indiana. Nebraska. Wisconsin. And this past month, in the Lone Star State, Texas.

What is happening all across America is a Great Awakening.

A response to career politicians in both parties who’ve gotten us into this mess. This national movement is fueled by what unites us: a love of liberty, a belief in the unlimited potential of free men and women.

I want to tell you a love story. It’s the story of all of us, a love story of freedom. It’s the story of our Founding Fathers, who fought and bled for freedom and then crafted the most miraculous political document ever conceived, our Constitution. The Framers understood that our rights come, not from monarchs, but from God-and that those rights are secure only when government power is restrained.

This love story is the story of the brave Texans in the City of Gonzales. When General Santa Anna demanded that they give up their guns and the cannon that guarded the city, they responded with the immortal cry Come and take it.

It’s the story of the greatest generation of Americans, who rose up to confront the grotesque evil that was the Nazis, and ushered in the greatest era of peace and prosperity the world has ever seen.

It’s the story of civil-rights heroes, like Dr. Martin Luther King, who stood strong against the scourge of discrimination, and bravely championed that every man and woman should be judged, not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character.

It’s the story of President Ronald Reagan, who turned back the creeping growth of government and restored Morning in America. Who spoke out against the oppressive evil of communism and demanded Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.

It’s the story of my Mom. Irish and Italian, working class, the first in her family to go to college - a pioneering mathematician and computer programmer in the 1950s.

It’s the story of my Dad, who was imprisoned and tortured in Cuba, beaten nearly to death. He fled to Texas in 1957, not speaking English, with $100 sewn into his underwear. He washed dishes making 50 cents an hour to pay his way through the University of Texas, and to start a small business in the oil and gas industry. My father is here tonight. When he came to America, él no tenía nada, pero tenía corazón. He had nothing, but he had heart. A heart for freedom. Thank you, Dad.

It’s the story of each and every one of you. We are all sons and daughters of those who risked everything for freedom, and we have the duty to pass that same opportunity to the generations to follow. And yet today, many in Washington seem content to saddle our children with a financial debt larger than our nation has ever seen. Government is out of control, and we’re going broke.

But I’m here with a word of encouragement. Millions of Americans are standing up, saying we want our country back. Republicans, Democrats, and independents. We will not follow the path of Greece; we will not go quietly into the night.

This election presents a stark choice. Two visions: we can continue down the road of the Obama Democrats, towards more and more spending, debt and government control of the economy and our
lives. Or we can return to the founding principles of our nation—free markets, fiscal responsibility, and individual liberty.

Unfortunately, President Obama’s campaign is going to try to divide America. They’re going to try to separate us into little groups, and try to scare everybody. They’re going to tell seniors that Medicare will be taken away, tell Hispanics that we’re not welcome here and send the Vice President to preach a message of division.

It’s sad, how far we’ve come from hope and change. All of this is designed to distract from the real issues that matter. Twenty-three million Americans struggling for work. Sixteen trillion dollars in national debt. Government takeovers of healthcare, of financial services and many aspects of our economy.

Imagine, for a moment, if someone surreptitiously charged hundreds of thousands of dollars on your credit cards, saddling your kids with debts they could never escape. That’s exactly the impact of this administration’s misguided policies. Heidi and I are blessed with two little girls, Caroline and Catherine, 4 and 1. When Caroline was born, our national debt was $10 trillion. Today, as the debt clock shows, it’s $16 trillion, larger than our gross domestic product.

How do we turn things around? How do we get America back to work? President Obama thinks the answer is more and more government. Government is not the answer. You are not doing anyone a favor by creating dependency, destroying individual responsibility.

Fifty-five years ago, when my dad was a penniless teenage immigrant, thank God some well-meaning bureaucrat didn’t put his arm around him and say let me take care of you. Let me give you a government check and make you dependent on government. And by the way, don’t bother learning English. That would have been the most destructive thing anyone could have done.

Instead, my parents worked together to start a small business, to provide for their family and to chart their own future. That’s the American dream, and Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan understand that.

Under President Obama, 23 million Americans are struggling for work. Hispanic unemployment has risen to over 10 percent; African-American unemployment is over 14 percent. This is tragic.

And here I want to say something especially to the Democrats who are listening tonight. You can send a wake-up message to your party—the party that was once proud to be the party of working people. Obama’s policies have failed.

Jobs don’t come from government; they come from entrepreneurs and small businesses. Two thirds of all new jobs come from small business, and 2.3 million Hispanics own small businesses and yet this Administration has imposed higher taxes and crushing regulations on small businesses across our nation.

To restore America, to get Americans back to work, we must rein in the leviathan. We must stop spending money we don’t have and turn around our crushing debt.

Each of you comprises the fabric of our nation. Together, we must revive our many-century love story with liberty and restore that shining City on a Hill that is America.

I’d like to close with asking you a few questions, with apologies to Barack Obama.

Can we restore the Constitution?
Yes we can.
Can we retake the U.S. Senate?
Can we repeal ObamaCare?
And can we defeat President Barack Obama?
That, my friends, is change we can believe in.
Thank you, and God bless America.
Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I think I just drank Clint Eastwood's water. Thank you.

Thank you so much. Thank you so much for having me here today and thank you so much for doing this convention here in Florida. Before I begin -- Before I begin this is such an important night for my country.

Thank you so much -- thank you so much for having me here today, and thank you so much for doing this convention here in Florida.

You know, before I begin -- yes, thank you -- before I begin, this is such an important night for my country.

I want to begin -- with your permission -- 80 seconds, to talk about another country. A country located just a few hundred miles away from this city, the country of my parents birth. There is no freedom or liberty in Cuba, and tonight, I ask for your prayers that soon freedom and liberty will be there aswell.

It -- this is a big honor for me. Not so long ago I was just a underdog candidate. The only people who thought I could win all live in my house. Four of them were under the age of 10.

But this is incredible when I was asked to introduce Governor Romney, who will hear from in just a moment, he is backstage, ready to go. So, I called a few people, and asked them, ``What should I say?'' And they had a lot of different opinions, but the one thing they all said was, ``Don't mess it up.''

So, I thought the best way to introduce Mitt Romney tonight, the next president of the United States is to talk about what this election is about. And I'm so honored to do this here in Florida at the Republican national convention in front of all you patriots.

I watched my first convention in 1980 with my grandfather. My grandfather was born to a farming family in rural Cuba. Childhood polio left him permanently disabled. Because he couldn't work the farm, his family sent him to school. He was the only one in his family that knew how to read. He was a huge influence on the growing up. As a boy, I sat on the porch of my house and listen to his stories about history and politics and baseball, as he would talk on one of its three daily Padron cigars. Now, I don't remember, it has been three decades since we last sat on that porch. I don't rember all the things he talked to me about. But the one thing I remember is the one thing he wanted me never to forget. That the dreams he had when he was young became impossible to achieve. But there was no limit to how far I could go, because I was an American.

Now for those of us -- here's why I say that -- here's why I say that. Because for those of us who were born and raised in this country, sometimes it becomes easy to forget how special America is. But my grandfather understood how different America was from the rest of the world because he knew life outside America.

Tonight, you will hear from another man who understands what makes America exceptional. Mitt Romney knows America's prosperity did not happen because our government simply spent more money. It happened because our people use their own money to open a business. And when they succeed, they hire more people, who invest or spend their money in the economy, helping others start a business or create jobs.

Now tonight, we have heard for a long time now about Mitt Romney's success in business. It is well known. But we've also learned he is so much more than that. Mitt Romney is a devoted husband, a father, a grandfather, a generous member of his community and church, a role model for younger Americans like myself. Everywhere he has been, he has volunteered his time and talent to make things better for those around him. And we are blessed that a man like this will soon be the president of these United States.
Now, let me be clear so that no one misunderstands. Our problem with President Obama is not he is a bad person. By all accounts, he too is a good husband, a good father, and thanks to lots of practice, a good golfer.

Our problem is not that he is a bad person. Our problem is that he is a bad president. Do you think he's watching tonight? Because his new slogan is the word, forward. Forward. A government that spends $1 trillion more than it takes in? An $800 billion stimulus that treated more debt than jobs? A government intervention into healthcare paid for with higher taxes and cuts to Medicare, scores of new rules and regulations. These ideas to not move us forward. These ideas move us backwards. These are tired and old big government ideas that have failed every time and everywhere they have been tried. These are ideas that people come to America to get away from. These -- these are ideas that threaten to make America more like the rest of the world instead of helping the rest of the world become more like America.

As for his old slogan, under Barack Obama, the only change is that hope is hard to find. Now, sadly, millions of Americans are insecure about their future. Instead of inspiring us by reminding us of what makes a special, he divides us against each other. He tells Americans that they're worse off because others are better off, that richer people got rich by making other people poor. Hope and change has become divide and conquer.

But in the end of this election, it doesn't matter how you feel about President Obama. This election is about your future, not about his.

And -- and this election is not simply a choice between a Democrat and Republican. It is a choice about what kind of country you want America to be. And as we prepare to make this choice, we should remember what made us special. You see, for most of our human history, almost everybody was poor. Power and wealth only belonged to a few. Your rights are whatever your rulers allowed you to have, your future was determined by your past. If your parents were poor, so would you be. If you were born without opportunities, so were your children.

But America was founded on the idea that every person has God given rights. Founded on the belief that power belongs to the people, that government exists to protect our rights and serve our interests, and that no one should be trapped in the circumstances of their birth. We should be free to go as far as our talents and our work can take us.

And we're special -- we're special because we are united --we're united not as a common race or ethnicity, we are bound together by common values. The family is the most important institution in society.

And that almighty God is the source of all we have. We are special. We are special because we have never made the mistake of believing we are so smart that we can rely solely on our leaders or on our government. Our national motto, "in God we trust", reminding us that faith in our creator is the most important American value of them all. And we are special -- we're special because we've always understood the scriptural admonition, that for everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.

Well, my fellow Americans, we are a uniquely blessed people, and we have honored those blessings with the enduring example of an exceptional America. I know for many of you watching at home tonight, the last few years have tested your faith in the promise of America. Maybe you are at an age when you thought you would be entering retirement, but now because your savings and investments are wiped out your future is uncertain. Maybe after years of hard work this was the time you expected to be your prime earnings years, but instead, you've been laid off and your house is worth less than your mortgage. Maybe you did everything you were told to do to get ahead. You studied hard and finished school, but now you owe thousands of dollars in student loans, you can't find a job in your field, and you've had to move back in with your parents. You want to believe we're still that special
place where anything is possible. You just do not seem -- things not seen to be getting any better, and you wonder if things will ever be the same again.

Yes, we live in a troubled time, but the story of those who came before us reminds us that America has always been about new beginnings, and Mitt Romney is running for president because he knows, if we are willing to do for our children what our parents did for us, life in America can be better than it has ever been.

My mother was one of seven girls who parents often went to bed hungry so their children wouldn't. My father lost his mother when he was nine. He had to leave school and to go to work, and he would work for the next 70 years of his life. They immigrated to America with little more than the hope of a better life. My dad was a bartender. My mom was a cashier, a hotel maid, a stock clerk at Kmart. They never made it big. They were never rich, and yet they were successful, because just a few decades removed from hopelessness, they made possible for us all the things that have been impossible for them.

Many nights growing up I would hear my father's keys at the door as he came home after another 16-hour day. Many mornings, I woke up just as my mother got home from the overnight shift at Kmart. When you're young and in a hurry, the meaning of moments like this escape you. Now, as my children get older, understand it better. My dad used to tell us -- En este pais, ustedes van a poder lograr todas las cosas que nosotros no pudimos -- in this country, you'll be able to accomplish all the things we never could.

A few years ago, I noticed a bartender behind the portable bar in the back of the ballroom. I remembered my father, who worked as many years as a banquet bartender. He was grateful for the work he had, but that's not like he wanted for us. You see, he stood behind the ball all those so that one day I could stand behind a podium, in the front of a room.

That journey -- that journey, from behind that bar to behind this podium, goes to the essence of the American miracle. That we're exceptional, not because we have more rich people here. We are special because dreams that are impossible anywhere else, they come true here.

But that is not just my story. That's your story. That's our story. That's the story of your mothers, who struggled to give you what they never had. That's the story of your father who worked two jobs so that the doors that had been closed to them will be open for you. That's the story of that teacher or that coach who taught the lessons that may do for you are today. And it's the story of a man who was born into an uncertain story in a foreign country, whose family came to escape revolution. They struggled through poverty and the Great Depression, and yet he rose to be an admired businessman and public servant. And in November, his son Mitt Romney, will be elected president of these United States.

In America, we are all just a generation or two removed or somebody who made our future the purpose of their lives. America is the story of everyday people who did extraordinary things, a story woven deep into the fabric of our society. Their stories may never be famous, but in the lives they lived, you will find the essence of America's greatness.

And to make sure that America is still a place where tomorrow is always better than yesterday, that is what our politics should be about. And that is what we are deciding in this election. We decide, do we want our children to inherit our hopes and dreams? Or do we want to inherit our problems? Because if Mitt Romney believes, if we succeed in changing the direction of our country, our children and grandchildren will be the most prosperous generation ever, and their achievements will astonish the world.

The story of our time will be written by Americans who haven't yet even been born. Let us make sure the right that we did our part. That, in the early years of this new century, we lived in an uncertain time, but we did not allow fear to make us abandon what made us special. We chose more government instead of more freedom. We chose the principles of our founding to
solve the challenges of our time. We chose a special man to lead us in a special time. We chose Mitt Romney to lead our nation and, because we did, the American miracle lived on for another generation to inherit.

My fellow Republicans, my fellow Americans, I am proud to introduce to you, the next president of the United States of America, Mitt Romney.

Brian Sandoval's remarks Tuesday night at the Republican National Convention.

Thank you.

I stand here tonight humbled to share with you the story of a nation, a state and of one man.

It is the story of America itself - of courageous, freedom-loving visionaries who believed in the promise of opportunity, rather than the divine right of kings. Who dared to dream that anyone could rise above the circumstances of their birth. It is also the story of the great Silver State: Battle Born Nevada!

We joined the Union to help keep Abraham Lincoln in the White House and fulfill the promise of opportunity, as he ended forever the scourge of slavery.

And, it is my story: the child of working-class Hispanic Americans who has lived the American dream. The Proverbs tell us from small beginnings come great things. My father was one of ten children. My mother and her family lived in a tiny, two-bedroom house in the Southwest. Dad worked his entire career as an aviation technician. Mom was a legal secretary who became a teacher. We lived a simple American life.

When I was a boy, my parents brought us to Nevada in search of opportunity. My first job was cleaning sheep pens. In college, I worked in a hospital cafeteria. I worked my way through law school. Encouraged by my parents' love for this country, I dreamed of public service. I became a state legislator, a gaming regulator, and attorney general of my state.

My story could end there, but this is America.

And so, in 2005, a simple son of promise was appointed by President Bush, and confirmed by the United States Senate as a federal judge. I saw in my courtroom the fulfillment of all that our forefathers sought to create. A nation of laws. A nation of due process and merit and justice for all.

And, yes, a nation of immigrants.

One of the greatest duties I performed was to administer the oath of citizenship to new Americans - immigrants who embody our dream of opportunity and prosperity. But from the federal bench, I also saw a nation beset on all sides by unprecedented challenges.

I watched my state's economy falter, stagnate and slide into decline. Nevadans lost their jobs and their homes. Nevada was hit hardest by the recession - highest unemployment, highest foreclosure rate, highest bankruptcy rate.

Like so many, I looked around for help. And what did I find?

A president who promised change, but turned instead to the same tired strategy of ever-larger government. A president who abandoned hope and embraced only blame. So I stepped down from a lifetime appointment to make a difference. I ran for governor, was elected and, like Republican governors all across this nation, I chose to make the tough decisions: On issues like economic development, education reform and redesigning how state government operates.

On job creation, and reducing state spending, and eliminating red tape. It hasn't been easy. And we're not through it yet. But I have put my faith in the people of my great state - because they are the ones who will grow our economy.

I have seen Hispanic business owners and families from backgrounds — not unlike my own — struggle in this economy. I have seen young children from all walks of life begin to wonder if their future holds any hope at all. Make no mistake: The current administration's failed experiment with big
government gets in the way of economic recovery. Their love affair with government regulation is a drag on business confidence. From personal experience, I can tell you what will help states like Nevada and families like mine: elect the team that understands how to get America working again. Send Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan to the White House! This administration sings the siren song that this is all there is. They tell us government is the answer, but we know it's the problem. They tell us we didn't build our businesses, but somebody else made it happen. They tell us not to dream but to settle. You and I know America is better than that. Our national story is one of confronting challenges - and winning. We have overcome economic devastation, defeated mighty oppressors and lifted up generation after generation of Americans. We can - and we will - do it again.
For that is our birthright as members of the American family - white, black, Hispanic, Asian, immigrant or descendent of the Founding Fathers themselves. We must leave Tampa this week on a mission to remind Americans they deserve more than the status quo. They deserve to dream big.
We must remind Americans that the promise of opportunity remains unbroken - that every person in this great nation can succeed through hard work, courage and personal responsibility.
For that is the real American story.
Thank you.
And now, let me introduce to you one of those Hispanic business owners that I mentioned are struggling in this economy, Mr. Phil Archuletta of New Mexico.

The following is a transcript of New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez's speech at the Republican National Convention on Aug. 29, 2012.

Thank you. And good evening.
Before I begin tonight, let's keep in our prayers that families impacted by the storm affecting the Gulf coast. If you haven't done so already, please donate to the Red Cross. To find out more about how you can help those affected by hurricane Isaac, please visit redcross.org/give. I am Susana Martinez. On behalf of the great state of New Mexico, let me express my gratitude for being invited to speak tonight. Growing up I never imagined a little girl from a border town could one day become a governor. But this is America. In America algo es posible.

My parents taught me to never give up and to always believe that my future could be whatever I dreamt it to be. Success, they taught me is built on the foundation of courage, hard work and individual responsibility. Despite what some would have us believe, success is not built on resentment and fear. We grew up on the border and truly lived paycheck to paycheck. My dad was a golden gloves boxer in the Marine Corps, then a deputy sheriff. My mom worked as an office assistant. One day they decided to start a security guard business. I thought they were absolutely crazy. We literally had no savings. But they always believed in the American dream. So, my dad worked to grow the business. My mom did the books at night. And at 18, I guarded the parking lot at the Catholic church bingos.

Now my dad made sure I could take care of myself. I carried a Smith and Wesson 357 magnum. Yes, that gun weighed more than I did. My parents grew that small business from one 18-year-old guarding a bingo to more than 125 employees in three states.

And sure, there was help along the way. But my parents took the risk. They stood up. And you better believe they built it.

My parents also taught me about having the courage to stand for something. So I went to law school. And I became a prosecutor. I took on a -- a specialty that very few choose to pursue. I prosecuted child abuse and child homicide cases. Cases that were truly gut-wrenching. But standing up for those kids, being their voice for justice was the honor of a lifetime.
Sometimes you pay a price for standing up. When I was a young prosecutor, I got called to testify against my boss. I could have backed down, but I didn't. I stood up to him and he fired me for it. So, I took him on, ran against him for district attorney, and beat him by a landslide. I fear some of our leaders today have lost the courage to stand up. What we have now are politicians. They won't offer real plans, and only stand up when they want to blame someone else.

And I don't say that just because a Democrat is in the White House, I was a Democrat for many years, so were my parents. Before I ran for district attorney, two Republicans invited my husband and me to lunch, and I knew a party switch was exactly what they wanted. So, I told Chuck, "We'll be polite, enjoy a free lunch, and then say good-bye." But we talked about issues -- they never used the words Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal. We talked about many issues, like welfare, is it the way of life or hand up? Talked about size of government, how much should it tax families and small businesses? And when we left that lunch, we got in the car and I looked over at Chuck and said, "I'll be damned. we're Republicans."

This election should not be about political parties. To many Americans are out of work, and our debt is out of control. This election needs to be about those issues and it is the responsibility of both parties to offer up real solutions and have an honest debate. In New Mexico, I inherited the largest structural deficit in state history, and our legislature is controlled by Democrats. We don't always agree, but we came together in a bipartisan manner and turned that deficit into a surplus.

And we did it without raising taxes.

But that is not the kind of leadership that we are seeing from President Obama. He promised to bring us all together, to cut unemployment, to pass immigration reform in his first year, and even promised to cut the deficit in half, in his first term. Do you remember that? But he hasn't come close. They have not even passed a budget in Washington, D.C. In 3 years. If he can take credit for government buildings small businesses, then he can accept responsibility for breaking his promise and adding $5 trillion to the national debt. Because he did build that.

As the first Hispanic female governor in the history, little girls often come up to me in the grocery store or in the mall. They look and they point and when they get the courage to come up, they ask, "Are you Susana?", and they run up and they give me a hug. I wonder, how do you know who I am? But they do. And these are little girls. It is in moments like these when I'm reminded that we each pave for a path, and for me, it is about paving a path for those little girls to follow. They need to know no more barriers.

In many ways, Mitt Romney and I are very different. Different starts in life, different paths to leadership, different cultures, but we've each shared in the promise of America. And we share a core belief that the promise of America must be kept for the next generation. It is success and success is the American dream, and that success is not something to be ashamed of or to demonize. There is one candidate in this election who will protect that dream.

One leader who will fight hard to keep the promise of America for the next generation. And that's why we must stand up and make Mitt Romney the next president of the United States. Thank you.