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Excerpts: Remarks by Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani

Former Mayor to Discuss Why John McCain is Best Qualified to be President

SAINT PAUL, Minn. - This evening former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will address the 2008 Republican National Convention. Mayor Giuliani will expand on the convention's overall theme, "Country First," and the themes of service, reform, prosperity, and peace as he discusses why John McCain's leadership and vision for America make him the best candidate to lead our nation forward.

Excerpts from the mayor's remarks, as prepared for delivery, are below.

On the importance of this election:

"This is a time for choosing - and to those Americans who still feel torn in this election, I'd like to suggest one way to think about the choice you have to make in 2008: You're hiring someone to do a job - an important job that involves the safety and security of your family."

On Gov. Sarah Palin:

"Governor Palin represents a new generation. She's already one of the most successful governors in America - and the most popular. And she already has more executive experience than the entire Democratic ticket. She's led a city and a state. She's reduced taxes and government spending. And she's actually done something about moving America toward energy independence - taking on the oil companies while encouraging more energy exploration here at home. Taxpayers have an advocate in Sarah Palin - she even sold the former governor's private plane on E-Bay."

On the Republican Party's vision for a stronger America - and a freer world:

"And as we look to the future never let us forget that - when we are at our best - we are the Party that expands Freedom. We began as a party dedicated to freeing people from slavery... And we are still the party that is willing to fight for freedom at home and around the world. We are the party that wants to expand individual freedom and economic freedom... because we believe that the secret of America's success is not central government, it is self-government. ...And we are the party that believes unapologetically in America's essential greatness - that we are a shining city on the hill, a beacon of freedom that inspires people everywhere to reach for a better world."