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EXCERPT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS  
AT GEORGIA VICTORY 2006 RALLY

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I know there are Democrats and Independents in places like Georgia who do not share the views of the Democrat leadership in Washington. You may not agree with Republicans on every issue - but you should also realize that what voting Democrat in this election would mean for the war on terror. When you vote next Tuesday, your vote will determine more than who is your local Congressman - it will also determine which party's leadership will set the agenda on Capitol Hill. A vote to send a Democrat to Congress is a vote for the liberal Democrat leadership in Washington.

A vote to send a Democrat to Congress is a vote to make the Senate Majority leader a man who bragged about killing the Patriot Act.

A vote to send a Democrat to Congress is a vote to make the Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee a man who said the world would be better off if Saddam Hussein were still in power.

A vote to send a Democrat to Congress is a vote to make the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee a man who has suggested cutting off funds for our troops on the battlefield.

And a vote to send a Democrat to Congress is a vote to make the Speaker of the House - the person third in line for the Presidency - a woman who said that capturing Osama bin Laden would not make America any safer.

If you want leaders in the United States Congress who will do what it takes to defend America and keep our

country safe, then vote for Mac Collins and the Republicans on November 7th.

.....I cannot tell you how proud I am to be the Commander-in-Chief of such incredibly brave men and women who have volunteered to wear the uniform of the United States. And even in the midst of a heated campaign season, there are still some things we should all be able to agree on - and one of the most important is that every one of our troops deserves our gratitude - and respect. Yesterday Democrat Senator John Kerry was speaking to a group of young people in California, and gave them this advice, quote: "You know education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework, and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't you get stuck in Iraq."

The Senator's suggestion that the men and women of our military are somehow uneducated is insulting and shameful. Our troops did not enlist because they did not study hard in school or do their homework. The men and women who serve in our all-volunteer Armed Forces are plenty smart and are serving because they are patriots - and Senator Kerry owes them an apology.

Whatever party you belong to, whatever you think about the war in Iraq, we should all agree that our troops deserve our unwavering support. And when it comes to supporting our men and women in uniform, I don't have any doubt where Mac Collins is going to land. He is a strong supporter of the military. And he knows what I know: Any time you have American troops in harm's way, they have the right to expect the full support of the American government.

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