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### ***TRANSCRIPT – Pete Sessions’ Speech to 2009 Senate House GOP Fundraising Dinner***

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I want to thank each of you for being here tonight. And my thanks to Paul Ryan, who has done an outstanding job as chairman of tonight’s House–Senate dinner.

As you have seen in an earlier video, we have highlighted the American entrepreneur tonight. In addition to Kathy Ju and Ahmet Sandikci, I would like to recognize Jay Beyrouiti from Pinellas County, Florida. With only a backpack and several dollars, Jay came to this country as a young boy to seek his American dream. From retail worker to founder of a successful real estate investment company to mayor and public servant, Jay has built his American dream through hard work, innovation, and a steadfast belief in the liberty of the free enterprise system. Jay, please stand – Thank you for your inspiring example of entrepreneurship and service.

Tonight, I am pleased to recognize another special guest in our audience: The next governor of Virginia, Bob McDonnell. As many of you know, Bob was attorney general of Virginia, and he is our republican candidate for governor this year. With an outstanding record of promoting job creation, strengthening the free enterprise system, and building safer communities, Bob McDonnell’s strong leadership will bring Republicans a victory in Virginia that will help fuel our resurgence across the country. Bob, I want to thank you for being here tonight.

I also want to commend all of my colleagues in the republican conference. Together, we are showing America that we are a unified party with the best solutions to create jobs and grow our economy. Republicans are standing together to fight against the borrow-and-spend agenda of Nancy Pelosi and her rubber-stamp Democrats. Week after week, I see house democrats give Nancy Pelosi a blank check to do what she wants with American taxpayers’ hard-earned dollars. And I believe that the American people are becoming increasingly alarmed with – the real consequences of democrats’ unchecked one-party rule in Washington. With trillion-dollar spending sprees, with more debt than any time in our nation’s history, with job-killing taxation and regulation – I really don’t think this is the “change Americans believed in” last election.

Where I come from, people pull together in tough times – united with a defined set of national goals in the best interest of every American. As republicans, we share this unified national interest of empowering people – not the government – to create jobs, grow our economy, and ensure that America’s best days lie in our future.

In stark contrast, Nancy Pelosi and her democrats in congress apparently believe that the solution to every problem is bigger government. And apparently their definition of economic activity means picking winners and losers in the marketplace – at the expense of millions of jobs. The bottom line is that the American people know we cannot tax, borrow, spend, and regulate our way back to economic prosperity.

And I am here to say that Republicans are working tirelessly for fiscal responsibility and to hold democrats accountable for their actions.

Together, we are shining the light on back room deals. We are uncovering the truth behind unproven accusations. And we are promoting transparency and oversight on behalf of American taxpayers who deserve much better from their government. Take a listen and see how a united, energized republican conference is fighting to reclaim a majority in congress. Thank you and god bless America.

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