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MODERATOR Well, gentlemen, that brings us to the closing statements. Senator Kerry, I believe youre first.

JOHN KERRY My fellow Americans, as you heard from Bob Schieffer a moment ago, America is being tested by division. More than ever, we need to be united as a country. And, like Franklin Roosevelt, I dont care whether an idea is a Republican idea or a Democrat idea. I just care whether it works for America and whether its going to make us stronger. These are dangerous times. I believe I offer tested, strong leadership that can calm the waters of the troubled world. And I believe that we can together do things that are within the grasp of Americans. We can lift our schools up. We can create jobs that pay more than the jobs were losing overseas. We can have health care for all Americans. We can further the cause of equality in our nation. Let me just make it clear; I will never allow any country to have a veto over our security. Just as I fought for our country as a young man, with the same passion I will fight to defend this nation that I love. And, with faith in God and with conviction in the mission of America, I believe that we can reach higher. I believe we can do better. I think the greatest possibilities of our country, our dreams and our hopes, are out there just waiting for us to grab onto them. And I ask you to embark on that journey with me. I ask you for your trust. I ask you for your help. I ask you to allow me the privilege of leading this great nation of ours, of helping us to be stronger here at home and to be respected again in the world and, most of all, to be safer forever. Thank you. Goodnight. And God bless the United States of America.

MODERATOR Mr. President?

GEORGE W. BUSH In the Oval Office, theres a painting by a friend of Laura and mine named — by Tom Lee. And its a West Texas painting, a painting of a mountain scene. And he said this about it. He said, “Sarah and I live on the east side of the mountain. Its the sunrise side, not the sunset side. Its the side to see the day that is coming, not to see the day that is gone. “I love the optimism in that painting, because thats how I feel about America. And weve been through a lot together during the last 3 3/4 years. Weve come through a recession, a stock market decline, an attack on our country. And yet, because of the hard work of the American people and good policies, this economy is growing. Over the next four years, well make sure the economy continues to grow. We reformed our school system, and now theres an achievement gap in America thats beginning to close. Over the next four years, well continue to insist on excellence in every classroom in America so that our children have a chance to realize the great promise of America. Over the next four years, well continue to work to make sure health care is available and affordable. Over the next four years, well continue to rally the armies of compassion, to help heal the hurt that exists in some of our countrys neighborhoods. Im optimistic that well win the war on terror, but I understand it requires firm resolve and clear purpose. We must never waver in the face

of this enemy that — these ideologues of hate. And as we pursue the enemy wherever it exists, we'll also spread freedom and liberty. We got great faith in the ability of liberty to transform societies, to convert a hostile world to a peaceful world. My hope for America is a prosperous America, a hopeful America and a safer world. I want to thank you for listening tonight. I'm asking for your vote. God bless you.