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Rep. Chu's Response to Romney Foreign Policy Speech

El Monte, CA – On Monday, Mitt Romney delivered a speech at Virginia Military Institute intended to bolster his foreign policy credentials. Congresswoman Judy Chu released the following statement in response:

“What the American people saw today was a politician with absolutely no foreign policy experience pretend to have the answers for peace on Earth. If you believe Mitt Romney, happiness is as simple as America asserting it's military might wherever injustice exists. Of course, we tried that during the Bush years, and the result was two wars that were never paid for, staggering debt, a military strained like never before, and renewed anti-American sentiment the world over.

“As the American people hear new calls for saber rattling, they need to remember that this man has no credentials in foreign policy, and he's relying on the same advisors responsible for the Bush-era debacles. If given the chance, Romney and company will take us back to the 'with us or against us' approach that got us into wars without getting us out.

“In contrast, Barack Obama has one of the strongest national security records of any President in generations – he decimated al Qaeda's leadership, took out Osama bin Laden, ended the war in Iraq, and restored our standing in the world. And while Mitt Romney has been busy politicizing and re-politicizing the murder of our ambassador in Libya, President Obama's laser-like focus has been on finding the terrorists who were responsible and bringing them to justice.

“All of this is not to say Mitt Romney has no experience with the international community – while running Bain Capital, he helped create thousands of jobs abroad by taking them away from hard-working Americans here at home. But that's a credential even Romney knows better than to run on. The fact is, international diplomacy and leadership on the global stage take much more than saber rattling. They take the tempered and nuanced leadership that President Obama has delivered since day one. Come November, it's up to us to ensure that leadership remains in the oval office by reelecting President Obama.”

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