



## **Democratic Convention Speech**

Thank you all and good morning. Chairman Hinojosa and my fellow Democrats it is an honor and pleasure to speak at our convention, which has already been so positive and good. Thank you for a very warm reception. I have so many friends here, who have been important to me all my life. You all have been the backbone of our great party and I am humbled to be a Democrat and join you in what matters most in our lives and in our nation, children and families.

I wish we could be sitting in your living room, talking about our hopes and fears and about our family's future. For me my family has always been the center of my life, just as I know this is true for you.

We as a nation are facing high unemployment, crime, many people without health insurance, a war in Iraq, housing foreclosures like never before and inexcusable poverty as well as a host of other challenges and frustration and cynicism in our country rise on a daily basis. I believe the Democratic party has set forth on a journey to keep the American dream alive for those willing to work for it and to make our American Community stronger, to keep America the world's strongest force for peace and freedom and prosperity. We need to get back on the right track in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

So today let us resolve to work diligently to take back the White House, to meet our challenges and protect our values. Let this campaign be a campaign of ideas not insults. Let us actualize our desire to help parents raise children to help adults and young people get an education and training they need to have safe communities, to break the cycle of poverty, to protect our environment for generations in the future; to maintain our world leadership for peace and freedom and to push for prosperity for all. Let us resolve to win this election in order for this vision to be a reality.

We need to give the American people the opportunity to be all they can be, their God given potential. We have to give opportunity to all America, not just a few. This is the promise of the Democratic Party and that is the promise of America. That is why the flame of the Statue of Liberty, like the Olympic Flame is carried all across America by thousands of citizens heroes. Let us have resolve, American resolve that we are carrying greatness into this election and we as offering as the Democratic Party a beginning of new challenges and unlimited promise.

We are a party - we are a party of innovation. We have a positive vision of the future founded on the belief that the gap between the promise and reality of America can one day finally be closed. We believe that and I am proud to be part of a party that has this core belief. This my friends is part of the reason why



Americans are going to be voting Democrat this November. Our party represents what this country is about.

And now we must look to the future. As a party we want to be one people bound together by common spirit, sharing in a common endeavor. It can be done if we restore the belief that we share a national community, that we share a national endeavor. We speak for the common good. It can be done. We must elect a president who believes not only in the potential of their own children, but of all children who believe not only in the strength of their own family but on the American Family, who believes in the promise of each of us as persons, but in our promise together as a nation. It takes a Democratic President. I think at times about my grandchildren and I think to myself about their lives and lives of millions of other boys and girls will be better off because of what all of us are doing together. They will face fewer obstacles and have a possibility that is something we can all be proud of. That is what this election is about. Thank you very much and may God Bless You.