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## ASCF Annual Awards Banquet - November 9, 2009

The American Security Council Foundation has been at the forefront of the defense and foreign policy debate for more than fifty years. President Reagan credited us for developing the doctrine of "Peace through Strength" that won the Cold War. Our major current initiative, Project Independence, is dedicated to replacing every drop of oil imported from our adversaries with domestically produced energy within ten years, thereby strengthening our economy and cutting off the flow of billions of American dollars to those who despise our freedom and way of life.

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### President's Note

The long term Global success of freedom in the world will be based on the unique ability of the United States to remain the world leader in advanced research, development of space, aircraft and military technology.

Our allies in Europe are dismayed by the recent Presidential cancellation of the European Missile Defense System. This monumental catastrophic long term mistake will impact the future security of Europe, the United States and the

Western Hemisphere.

When this cancellation is coupled with the decreased number of the F-22 Raptor Fighter Aircraft (the most advanced fighter in the world) from 700 to 187 with only an additional 36 F-35 Lightning Fighter Aircraft, a serious gap will exist in American Security.

It is only the ingenuity and creativity of our society that keeps freedom and the rule of law alive. Our failures to understand China's

long term desires in the Pacific basin and China's persistent movement into Central and South America is a cause for concern.

Using their \$500 billion dollar revenue reserve the Chinese are buying their way into Central and South America.

Please help us by joining the ASCF.

Warmest possible regards,

Dr. Henry A. Fischer

## Congressman Mack visits Honduras

WASHINGTON Congressman Connie Mack (FL-14), the Ranking Republican of the House Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, released a report summarizing his recent Congressional Delegation trip to Honduras.

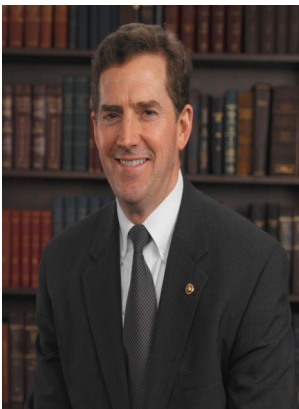
Mack led a delegation to Honduras the weekend of July 25-26, 2009 to see first hand what the situation in the country was and to determine what happened in the events leading to former President Manuel Zelaya's removal on June 28th.

During the trip, Mack met with the current Honduran President Roberto Micheletti, Members of the Supreme Court, Members of the Honduran National Congress, human rights organizations, American and Honduran business leaders, and the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras.

The full text of Congressman Mack's report can be found on Congressman Mack's web site, <http://mack.house.gov>.



*“Indeed, the desire to move beyond the Zelaya era was almost universal in our meetings. Almost.”*



## What I heard in Honduras Senator Jim DeMint

In the last three months, much has been made of a supposed military "coup" that whisked former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya from power and the supposed chaos it has created.

After visiting Tegucigalpa last week and meeting with a cross section of leaders from Honduras's government, business community, and civil society, I can report there is no chaos there. There is, however, chaos to spare in the Obama administration's policy toward our poor and loyal allies in Honduras.

The Obama policy was set in a snap decision the day Mr. Zelaya was removed from office, without a full assessment of either the facts or reliable legal analysis of the constitutional provisions at issue. Three

months later, it remains in force, despite mounting evidence of its moral and legal incoherence.

While in Honduras, I spoke to dozens of Hondurans, from nonpartisan members of civil society to former Zelaya political allies, from Supreme Court judges to presidential candidates and even personal friends of Mr. Zelaya. Each relayed stories of a man changed and corrupted by power. The evidence of Mr. Zelaya's abuses of presidential power—and his illegal attempts to rewrite the Honduran Constitution, a la Hugo Chávez—is not only overwhelming but uncontroverted.

As all strong democracies do after cleansing themselves of usurpers, Honduras has moved on.

The presidential election is on schedule for Nov. 29. Under Honduras's one-term-limit, Mr. Zelaya could not have sought re-election anyway. Current President Roberto Micheletti—who was installed after Mr. Zelaya's removal, per the Honduran Constitution—is not on the ballot either. The presidential candidates were nominated in primary elections almost a year ago, and all of them—including Mr. Zelaya's former vice president—expect the elections to be free, fair and transparent, as has every Honduran election for a generation.

The full text of Senator DeMint's report can be found on Senator DeMint's web site, <http://demint.senate.gov>.

**Statement from George E. Pataki**  
**Vice Chairman American Security Council Foundation**

*Hugo Chavez and the Emerging Crisis in Honduras*

In his address to the U.N. General Assembly yesterday, President Obama told those in attendance that the people of the world 'will not long tolerate those who are on the wrong side of history. Yet on one of the major diplomatic issues of the day -- the stealth return of Manuel Zelaya to Honduras --President Obama himself is on the wrong side of history and is unfortunately detached from recognizing rising threats in our own hemisphere.

Zelaya was removed from office on the orders of the Honduran Supreme Court

after he violated his country's constitution. He is a puppet of Hugo Chavez, who supports terrorists and represents a real and immediate danger to those who believe in freedom. To support one of Chavez's puppets is outrageous and turns history and our obligation to our Latin American allies on its head

Hugo Chavez addressed the General Assembly and used that stage, as he has in the past, to advance his bizarre and absurd propaganda.

The American Security Council Foundation calls on

President Obama to make very clear while this media circus is going on that he both recognizes the Chavez threat and will begin to oppose Chavez allies, like Manuel Zelaya rather than support them.

The ASCF has a proud history of opposing leftist dictatorships in our hemisphere from before the Reagan era to today. President Reagan believed in "Peace through Strength" So do we, and so should President Obama.



**United States Military Preparedness**

By Mark Renehan

Currently the United States finds itself fighting two wars in its ongoing mission to defeat terrorism. This has taken its toll on the men and women of our Armed Forces. Supporting our military and making sure it is up to date with the most modern weapons and equipment to fight a war is a vital issue. Even as we fight two wars, other enemies of the United States and its allies are emerging: from North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il, to Venezuelan despot Hugo Chavez, the United States Military must always be prepared to answer any threats it faces.

Recently, the Obama administration has proposed reducing our missile defense systems.

His administration has also cut the Air Force's F-22 Raptor Program. These steps embolden our enemies and leave us more vulnerable to aggressive action. As Kim Jong Il continues to defiantly test his long range missiles and Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad moves forward on his quest for nuclear capabilities, a well-prepared military is the best deterrent.

Dictators see our military cuts as a weakness and use it to speed up their own military capabilities. We must also be concerned with what actions some of our allies will take if our common enemies continue their military build up. If Iran gains nuclear capabilities what

actions might Israel take? If we keep a strong, well-prepared military that is capable of answering any threat, enemies of freedom will think twice before making rash decisions that could end in war.

Evil people do exist. Unfortunately, some of these people are in charge of nations with large militaries. The United States must have a strong, well-prepared military to protect its citizens, interests, and allies from any evil that may be brought upon us. "Peace Through Strength" includes a powerful, well-funded and expertly trained military that is ready to defend freedom.

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The fourteen principles and goals of this strategy eventually became the cornerstone of the defense and foreign policy of the United States. This resulted in the successful conventional and strategic modernization program of the 1980's and it also led to America's vigorous support for free markets and democracy movements around the world.

The fundamental premise of this strategy was based on the

need for military economic and diplomatic strength, and it advocated using non-military means to stop and roll back Soviet expansionism. By sowing seeds of solidarity in an active public diplomacy program, the strategy strove to pressure the Soviets to abandon their goal of world conquest. This bipartisan strategy worked.

In 2001, the American Security Council Foundation worked in

cooperation with 94 U.S. lawmakers who contributed the development of a comprehensive new international security and economic strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The lawmakers emphasized that serious security challenges remained, but the most imminent threat to the stability of the international system was in economic arena.

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