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Globalist Candidates Elected

In the November mid-term elections the American public made it clear that they want their elected officials to work on global solutions to global problems. Across the nation voters cast their ballots to elect globally-minded leaders to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Citizens for Global Solutions, through its nonpartisan political action committee, backed candidates who believe in our vision. Of the 176 individuals endorsed by Global Solutions PAC, 159 (90.3 percent) were elected. This includes 21 challengers who will take office in January.

Global Solutions PAC identified and supported candidates based on incumbent voting records and challenger candidate questionnaires. Challengers highlighted their commitment to address climate change, promote energy solutions and confront global health issues. All of them supported working through international organizations, spoke out for justice in the Congo and Darfur and opposed the development of new nuclear weapons.

The success of our PAC was complemented by the defeat of some of Congress' worst detractors of international cooperation, the United Nations and sensible health, energy and climate policies. Knocked out of the

Senate was Jim Talent of Missouri, who received one of the lowest grades on our Congressional Report Card.

Replacing him is Claire McCaskill. "Finding alternatives and solutions to fossil fuel extraction, nuclear proliferation and international health threats is vitally important to me and my constituents," she said after her victory. "We need clean energy alternatives, credible treaties to curb nuclear weapons development, and increased funding and collaboration to fight AIDS, avian flu and tuberculosis. Citizens for Global Solutions' support for my campaign at the national level and throughout Missouri, for which I am thankful, reflects the groundswell of public support for effective alternatives and solutions."

In the House, Representative Richard Pombo (CA-11) lost to one of our earliest endorsed candidates, Jerry McNerney. Pombo, who received an F in 2005 and a D on our Report Card this past year, has consistently voted against U.N. funding, supported new nuclear weapons and opposed the International Criminal Court (ICC). A wind energy entrepreneur, McNerney will be a refreshing change and a strong leader on climate issues and alternative energy solutions.



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- Senator-elect
Claire McCaskill

Two globally-minded Members of Congress who gave up their House seats will find their spots taken by a new generation of global leaders. Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ 08), who took principled, bipartisan stances on Darfur and the ICC, retired. In the race to fill Kolbe's seat, Global Solutions PAC was proud to back Gabrielle Giffords (D), who will bring a strong agenda for international cooperation on nonproliferation, global health and human rights to Washington.

Meanwhile, Ben Cardin (D-MD 03) gave up his seat in the House and was elected to the U.S. Senate. Filling Cardin's seat is John Sarbanes. "One of my objectives, as I take office, is to help restore faith in U.S. foreign policy," Sarbanes said after his victory. "With the help of organizations like Citizens for Global Solutions, which enthusiastically backed my campaign, I will work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, halt genocide,

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Leila Nadya Sadat

Washington University School of Law

Citizens for Global Solutions' Legal Analyst Golzar Kheiltash recently spoke with Professor Leila Nadya Sadat, a leading international law expert and Citizens for Global Solutions Board Member. They discussed Sadat's reflections on the International Criminal Court (ICC), 60 years after the Nuremberg trials. Professor Sadat is the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law at the Washington University School of Law, where she has taught since 1992. She is a leading authority in international criminal law and human rights and a prolific scholar. Sadat is particularly well known for her expertise on the ICC. Named to chair the International Law Association committee on the Court in 1995, she has authored and edited several scholarly reports in her capacity as chair. In addition, she was an NGO delegate to the U.N. Preparatory Committee and to the 1998 U.N. diplomatic conference in Rome where the Court was established.

What do you think the legacy of Nuremberg is and how do you think the ICC has fulfilled that legacy?

The legacy of Nuremberg has several different components. One of them is the idea that no human being is above the law. The ICC embodies this principle in its Rome Statute.

The other legacy of Nuremberg is that human beings acquire rights directly from international law. The ICC Statute provides that even those accused of heinous crimes have basic human rights.

Finally, Nuremberg stood for the idea that in the aftermath of the Holocaust, human kind couldn't survive repeated onslaughts against fellow human beings. And of course the ICC has exactly the same notion in its preamble where it talks about humanity being like a mosaic: if you take one piece of the mosaic out by committing genocide, it is like shattering the entire picture.

Some critics of the Nuremberg trials say it was a victor's justice. How do you respond to this, and is this similar to U.S. claims that the ICC is a politicized court?

The four Allied Powers sat in judgment of the Nazis. This doesn't make the trial necessarily unfair. The accused Nazis were provided with excellent lawyers, had full rights and three were actually acquitted. The Nuremberg trials ensured that there was a trial at all and avoided the prospect of mass summary executions.

The ICC is nothing like Nuremberg, and that's the whole point. The ICC is not a court created for a particular place and time. It's not a court staffed by judges of one nation sitting in judgment of the accused of another nation after just having fought a war with them. Rather, it's a court with a permanent retinue of the most highly qualified judges and prosecutor that every region of the world can nominate. The ICC was also created to try only cases that are prospective, not retrospective.

Why do you think international criminal law is so important in the 21st Century and how can we get Americans to recognize its importance?

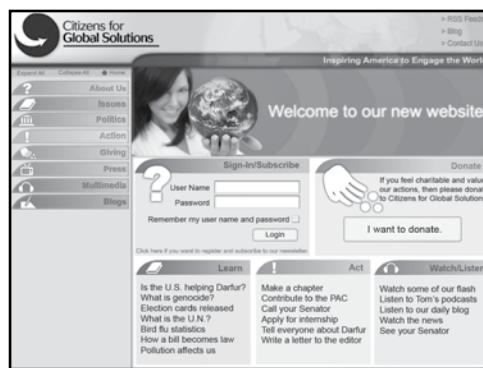
When you look at how international events affect the daily lives of Americans, there's



no more keeping our heads in the sand. One of my biggest disappointments on how the U.S. has approached the "war on terror" is that it isn't realizing that the very tools that we need to fight terror are being undermined in our attempts to weaken the laws of war and the rules against torture. If Americans could see the connection, I think they would be a lot less willing to throw out international conventions just because it seems to suit the exigencies of the situation.

Many Americans are not sufficiently informed about global conflicts like Darfur. How can advocates demonstrate the local impact of global issues such as genocide to the public?

One is to take issues that do hit home and use them to galvanize awareness that things that go on internationally affect us domestically. The other thing that could change is our media. Getting better media coverage of international events is very important, and I think the American people really do care. It's just a question of getting the message out and realizing that we're all interconnected. ☺



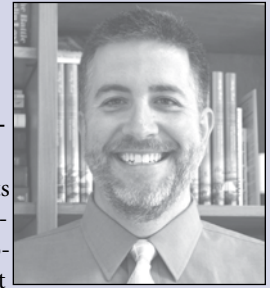
Excitement is in the air!

Our new website will be coming to desktops and laptops near you in early 2007.

Hundreds of hours of work will culminate in a completely new website, including:

- a new look and feel
- simplified navigation
- expanded content
- enhanced grassroots actions
- increased personalization
- and much more!

A Cease-Fire for America and the World



The 2006 elections are over now. The end result was mostly good for those who want to see more globalists in Congress – in fact 90 percent of those candidates endorsed by Global Solutions PAC won their races.

But the election was not without bad news – some of our most dedicated champions, like Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa, were defeated. In fact, while the overall number of globalists in Congress rose, the number within the ranks of the Republican Party declined. That’s a worrisome trend, one that bears careful observation over the next two years.

So now what? Some in Washington already are turning their eyes to 2008, and the presidential election, but here at Citizens for Global Solutions, we’d actually like to see some governing in the interim. There are a lot of global issues that literally cannot wait for the next president.

But that will require cooperation. If we are to return America to its position as a respected friend and champion of the values we all cherish, Congress will need to work together to find real solutions. They will need to stop succumbing to the temptation of attack politics and return to what Abraham Lincoln so brilliantly called the better angels of our nature.

So how can we help make this happen? Let me offer a starting place – what I like to call a five-point Cease-Fire for America and the World:

1. Acknowledge that the invasion of Iraq was a mistake and internationalize the effort to find a solution. The president’s decision to act with the help of only Britain and a few other countries has meant that the rest of the world has had little stake in helping us fix the current mess. Some 1,400 days after the president announced “mission accomplished,” we’re no closer to solving the problems.

The rest of the world needs to recognize that their attitude is making it harder for us to find a solution. If the Government of Iraq is unable to ensure the safety of its own citizens, the international community has

a responsibility to protect civilians when their own governments cannot. This is not merely a U.S. problem, but an international obligation.

At the same time, the war’s critics have to recognize that if a near-unilateral invasion was the worst possible thing we could have done, a unilateral withdrawal would not be much better. Like it or not, Iraq is a problem that cannot be solved by walking away from it.

2. Make the United Nations more effective. You often hear two very different portrayals of the U.N. It’s either a great organization that does terrific things or a deeply dysfunctional institution with real problems. In reality, both of these perspectives are true. We need to recognize and praise what works – and acknowledge and fix what’s broken.

Here at home, our leaders need to stop finding ways to make the U.N. fail. They need the U.N. They need to start recognizing the strides the U.N. has made to meet the challenges of a new century. They should work with our allies to make it the kind of institution we want it to be.

3. Return to our core values. When the terrorists attacked America on 9/11, President Bush said that they hated us not for who we are but what we stand for. But in the five years since, we have chipped away at some of the same values. Guantanamo, Abu Ghraib, waterboarding and rendition – the list of things we now tolerate as a nation would have been mind-boggling only a few years ago.

We can fight the terrorists without sacrificing our core principles. A good place to start would be with the establishment of a National Commission on Detention and Prisoner Treatment, modeled after the 9/11 Commission, to look at our current policies and find alternatives that confront terror without sacrificing our freedom on the altar of fear.

4. Find solutions to the challenges of poverty, trade and economic development. In the last election, Republicans talked

about waves of illegal immigrants stealing our livelihoods and Democrats talked about

evil corporations moving jobs overseas. Such fear mongering gives Americans the idea that anything that benefits anyone else is a loss for us. But the world doesn’t work that way. We need to stop pitting people at home against the rest of the world.

One way Congress could lead on this is by cutting significantly harmful agricultural subsidies. Yes, there will be short-term costs, but the long-term benefits for people here at home and in the developing world will in the end help raise everyone’s standard of living. And the impact of removing these subsidies could be offset by the rapidly expanding demand for biofuels.

5. Promote real energy security. As President Bush has said, we’re addicted to oil. But it’s not just our own dependence that’s a problem. Petrodollars are propping up dictators and bankrolling terrorists. And our use of fossil fuels is causing changes in our climate that may dramatically alter the way we live for generations to come.

In response, a lot of folks are talking about energy independence, but that’s a convenient fiction. America cannot extract itself from the global energy marketplace. Rather than trying to solve this problem on our own, let’s use our ingenuity and our capacity to develop and implement technologies that will benefit everyone.

So there you have it – five real solutions. But they’re only a beginning; we also need to tackle climate change, nuclear proliferation and global health threats, among other issues. But before we do that, we have to start working together. Only then will we achieve our common goals and work within our shared values. Only then will we come together as a nation and as a global community.

Now that would be a mission well worth accomplishing. ☺

—Charles J. Brown

A Year in Review

What We Accomplished in 2006 and Where We are Going

Throughout 2007, Citizens for Global Solutions will continue to reengage with its partners and address the energy challenges facing us today.

In 2006 the U.S.-U.N. relationship was severely tested, but by year's end the case was strengthened for multilateralism and effective international institutions to address some of the most complex challenges of the 21st Century.

Early in the year, with our U.N. campaign, we swung into gear to promote a strong and effective United Nations. John Bolton, serving under a recess appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., tried heavy-handed tactics and scolding to bring about reform, which predictably failed. Hard-core opponents of the U.N. not only sought to stifle the U.N. reform process, but also attempted to fundamentally discredit the institution.

Citizens for Global Solutions believes that the U.S. and U.N. need one another to build a safe and better world for Americans and for everyone.

Furthermore, we believe that consensus-building, not arm-twisting, is the most effective way to work with other countries and improve the U.N.

This past year we brought together like-minded organizations, engaged our members and worked with our allies on Capitol Hill. Via this strategy, Citizens for Global Solutions successfully helped the U.S.-U.N. relationship navigate one of its most turbulent years. We successfully worked around John Bolton's threat to effectively shut down the United Nations. We held off a push by some Members of Congress to tie our legally obligated U.N. dues to an exhaustive set of demands. And we even helped boost contributions to U.N. peacekeeping. Key to these efforts was a new online tool, *The U.N. Minute*, designed to help U.N. supporters hone in on key messages and highlight the value of the U.S.-U.N. relationship.

During the summer, the conflict over the U.S.-U.N. relationship returned to a familiar arena: The nomination of John Bolton as

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Political experts considered our bid to block Mr. Bolton's confirmation in the Senate a long shot, just as they did the first time he was nominated. And just as in 2005, we succeeded against all odds in preventing Mr. Bolton's confirmation, sending a loud and resounding signal that Americans value the work of the United Nations and favor a cooperative approach with other countries.

On the International Criminal Court (ICC), our analysis of the unintended consequences of the United States' policy to withhold

foreign aid from ICC member states that refuse to sign a Bilateral Immunity Agreement with the U.S., helped persuade Congress to pass an amendment that exempts certain types of aid from being

cut—in effect recognizing the counterproductive U.S. policy toward ICC member states. This amendment was an important first step to reversing that policy.

Our work on the crisis in Darfur also led to some important developments. In the spring, Citizens for Global Solutions analyst Fatema Abdul Rasul wrote an article calling on Arab and Muslim leaders to take a stand against the genocide in Darfur. This led to Fatema being interviewed by a number of journalists and cited by Nicholas Kristof, the Pulitzer Prize winning columnist at *The New York Times*. In the early summer, we brought together a number of Muslim and Arab groups to discuss how they could be more active in the advocacy efforts on Darfur. This meeting was the first of its kind and some of the groups have since joined the Save Darfur Coalition and begun to actively engage their constituents on Darfur.

Global Energy Solutions

In 2007, Citizens for Global Solutions will make energy a priority for our advocacy work.

Our world is in an energy crisis. The signs are all around us. Some, like the rising cost of gasoline, are easy to see. Others, like the myriad adaptations and extinctions of plant and animal species that herald a change in the earth's climate, are alarming, but remain invisible to most people. Still others – the struggle of poor farmers in Africa and India to support their families – are clear, but their connection to energy is less obvious.

Our energy choices have profound, sometimes unanticipated consequences, not only for the environment, but for development and security as well. Fossil fuels drove the Industrial Revolution and helped produce the modern global economy. But we now know that our reliance on fossil fuels is causing global warming, rapidly changing the earth's climate in ways that threaten to dramatically alter the way we live for generations to come. Global dependence on finite supplies of fossil fuels props up authoritarian regimes and compromises efforts to end conflict and prevent nuclear proliferation. The rising cost of oil erases gains from debt relief, and a third of the world's population lacks access to the modern energy resources that could help lift them out of poverty.

Alone, these signs are disturbing. Together they make a compelling case for change. Fortunately, we have the power to change our energy horizon.

We can choose to pursue a global transition away from old, fossil fuel technologies and towards new, clean sources of energy. We can choose to provide poor countries with the clean, safe energy tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty without destroying the ecosystems upon which we all depend for our livelihoods. We can choose to free American foreign policy and international peacekeeping efforts from our dependence on oil. We know what to do and we have the technology. Now we must build the political will necessary to change horizons.

As the world's leading consumer of energy, the U.S. has both the unique power and responsibility to guide the course of global energy policy. In recent years, the U.S. has chosen to

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abdicate that responsibility, watching from the sidelines as global warming has accelerated and the energy crisis has worsened. We have missed countless opportunities to exercise positive leadership and to position our economy to benefit from the growth of alternative energy technologies.

In our interconnected world, no one nation can solve the energy challenges facing us. Attempting to abdicate our responsibility as leader of the world energy market in favor of pursuing a policy of energy independence will only exacerbate the problems of climate change, insecurity and poverty. Instead, the U.S. must work with other nations to develop energy solutions that enhance security, promote development and protect the environment. The world cannot change its energy future without U.S. cooperation, and we cannot change our energy future alone.

Throughout 2007, Citizens for Global Solutions will work to build the political will necessary for the U.S. to reengage with its partners and allies to develop comprehensive solutions for the shared energy challenges facing us today.

The first step is to move the debate on energy policy beyond the concept of energy independence. Since the 9/11 attacks and the Iraq war, policymakers have begun to recognize some of the negative impacts of oil-dependence on national security, the economy and foreign policy. Some people have proposed seeking energy independence as the solution. The U.S. would achieve energy independence by investing in conservation and the production of domestic alternative fuels.

However, achieving energy independence is neither possible nor desirable. First, domestic oil resources are not sufficient to meet domestic demand for oil, even if currently untapped reserves, such as those in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, were to be exploited. Second, regardless of where oil is produced, its price is set by a global market. Achieving energy independence would do little to lower gas prices or prevent damaging price spikes. Finally, energy independence would leave the broader energy crisis – the effects of global energy choices on environment, development and security – unsolved.

If we are to change our energy horizon to one of hope, we must be ambitious. We must not accept that the solution to our fossil fuel addiction is to increase the production of fossil fuels. We can do better than that. It is time to put our ingenuity to work, for our own sake, and for the sake of all the world's citizens.

Over the next year, through our website, innovative e-advocacy tools and Connecting Global to Local Program, Citizens for Global Solutions will provide analysis on energy issues and the role for multilateral engagement to develop global energy solutions that are good for environment, good for development and good for security. Throughout this year, we will provide updates on legislation that we support and alert you to how you can voice your support and engage policymakers and opinion leaders on these issues.

Want to find out more? Want to get involved? Go to www.globalsolutions.org/energy.

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Annual Meeting A Major Success

Helps Begin Building a Bipartisan Foreign Policy

More than 200 people attended Citizens for Global Solutions Annual Meeting at the Hotel Palomar in Washington, D.C. on November 13-14. Held less than one week after the mid-term elections, the event was attended by Members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers and representatives from the foreign policy, advocacy and business communities. They were joined by our own members from across the country to discuss the creation of an effective, bipartisan U.S. foreign policy for the 21st Century.

Representatives Jim Kolbe (R-AZ 08), Jim McGovern (D-MA 03), Jim Leach (R-IA 02) and Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), were among the guest speakers.

Rep. Kolbe noted the importance of the United States to remain committed to global issues by strengthening its relations with the international community and continuing support for the United Nations. Rep. McGovern spoke of the pivotal role of global engagement and suggested that Rep. Leach should be considered as the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Sen. Sarbanes spoke about how Congress, coming out of the recent elections, should aim to form an effective foreign policy that is founded on principles such as respect and global solidarity.

Rep. Leach noted the important work of Citizens for Global Solutions, and due to Rep. McGovern's comments the day before, his appearance was especially interesting to attendees. Rep. Leach said that he'd be willing to consider a "higher-calling" to represent the people of Iowa and our nation.

The two-day event ended with a keynote address by Harold Hongju Koh, Dean of Yale Law School and former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. He spoke not only of the lack of necessary U.S. engagement on the world stage in such areas as Iraq and torture, but also strongly noted that current policies run counter to a true, effective bipartisan U.S. foreign policy.

For more information, please visit www.globalsolutions.org.



Global Health Council President Nils Daulaire, Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) and Citizens for Global Solutions President & CEO Charles J. Brown (left to right).



Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA 03) addressing the audience.



Keynote Speaker Harold Hongju Koh.



Citizens for Global Solutions Executive Vice President Don Kraus, Charles J. Brown and Montana Lt. Governor John Bohlinger (left to right).

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Local Activists Engage

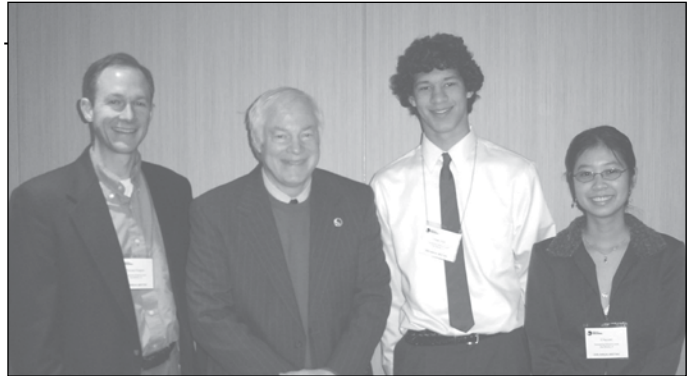
As part of our Annual Meeting, community leaders, activists and students from across the country came together in Washington, D.C. for the Connecting Global to Local (CG2L) workshop.

The Connecting Global to Local initiative aims to engage communities on how global issues affect them at the local level. Over the past year, we have cultivated relationships with community members in Des Moines, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Kalamazoo and Indianapolis through activist workshops, lectures and town hall forums. The gathering in Washington offered a chance for select participants to convene and learn from each other.

They engaged in thought-provoking discussions on how global issues like energy and nuclear proliferation affect them at the local level. They also met with other community leaders,

foreign policy experts and advocates to discuss global issues, local solutions and community outreach. Lieutenant Governor of Montana John Bohlinger and Griff Long, Vice President of Operations for Flexcar, spoke with the group and friends of Citizens for Global Solutions, including board member David Devlin-Foltz of The Aspen Institute and Lorelei Kelly of the White House Project, facilitated activist trainings and discussions.

Citizens for Global Solutions unveiled an innovative portion of the CG2L website (www.globaltolocal.org) where community leaders can network and continue the lively dialogues sparked at the workshop. As the CG2L community grows, the site will also



Iowa residents Tom Forsgren, Edgar Rosa and Vi Nguyen with Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA 02) (second from left).

grow to include additional resources and opportunities for our members and friends.

Following the workshop, participants were immersed in the Annual Meeting and acquainted themselves with the organization and staff. The Annual Meeting helped cement the relationship between our organization and these engaged citizens. 🌟

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Elections

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improve development opportunities for the world's poor, and engage international institutions in climate negotiations. I believe that if our nation's leaders commit themselves to the principles of fairness and opportunity, the U.S. will quickly regain credibility as a leader in solving global problems. In partnership with organizations like Citizens for Global Solutions, I have no doubt we will be successful."

Many Congressional incumbents who already believe in global solutions won re-election, including: Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-CA 08), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ 07), Jim McGovern (D-MA 03), Jim Walsh (R-NY 25), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR 03), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA 13), Don Payne (D-NJ 10), Frank Wolf (R-VA 10) and Senators Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Daniel Akaka (D-HI). Sadly, two internationalists lost their seats in November. Congressman Jim Leach (R-IA



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02), a longtime supporter of a strong and effective United Nations lost; as did Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), who boldly stood up and stopped the nomination of John Bolton to be the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.

Global Solutions PAC raised more than \$94,000 for candidates, a 10 percent increase over 2004. "This kind of election support goes a long way especially since we're one of the only PACs that funds candidates who support a cooperative U.S. foreign policy,"

said Don Kraus, Executive Vice President of Citizens for Global Solutions.

"None of our electoral success could have happened without the vast energies provided by members of Citizens for Global Solutions," said Drew J. Asson, Deputy Director of Government Relations at Citizens for Global Solutions. "We extend special thanks to our Partners and the members of our political action committee, who devoted countless hours getting information to candidates and helping across the nation."

With the newly elected members and returning globally-minded incumbents, the 110th Congress is shaping up to have a fine chance at constructing an engaged, cooperative, bipartisan U.S. foreign policy for the 21st Century.

Visit www.globalsolutions.org/elections/news for more election information. 🌟

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VIRTUAL POETRY SLAM CONTEST

2006 Winners Announced!

1st Prize: Jeremy Morris, Colonial Heights, VA

2nd Prize: Gregory Pickett, Macomb, IL

3rd Prize: Jessica Mitchell, Fort Valley, GA

To view the winning poems, please visit:

www.virtualpoetryslam.net

In the first-ever online poetry slam, we asked young people to write a poem about environmental concerns and perform it on digital video. The quality of entries we received was astounding. This contest has shown that young people have the capacity to demonstrate a masterful understanding of global issues and offer solutions to complex problems such as global warming.

As we enter an exciting new year, the virtual poetry slam presents a unique opportunity to tie in new media strategies to specific program areas. Please check the website regularly for the latest updates on our campaigns and details of the next virtual poetry slam.



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