

## **Introduction to WTAW-Eagle Forum 20 January 2010**

I am Dave McIntyre.

I am a Texan by birth, a Christian by conviction, a conservative by choice, a strategist by training and education, and a teacher by nature.

- My West Point education as an engineer taught me to think logically.
- Teaching English and American Literature at West Point taught me the power of ideas and language.
- My PhD in Political Science taught me the importance of facts and solid research.
- And more than 2 decades as an expert in national and homeland security taught me the value of practical, on-the-ground experience.

For more than 20 years I have specialized in why some nations succeed and some fail.

- I have conducted our nation's business in more than 30 countries, from Japan, China, Indonesia, and the Philippines, to India and Pakistan, to Israel, around Europe, to Venezuela, and Mexico.
- I worked with terrorism experts from New Scotland Yard to the Canadian Mounties, and with nuclear strategists from India to Russia.
- I have written presentations for our President and the Prime Minister of Australia – more than two dozen

testimonies to Congress for my bosses – and I have testified myself on strategic issues.

- I have supervised a clinic, a school, a child care facility, a bowling alley, a grocery store, a department store, and a graduate school of 75 faculty and staff.
- I have worked on the ground with operators of nuclear power plants, electrical power grids, pipelines, airports, sea ports, trucking and railroad companies, food safety, animal health, and county water supplies.
- I have trained with the FBI, local police, FEMA, firefighters, doctors, vets – and business at every level, from the National Chamber of Commerce to business continuity teams in Galveston.

As a strategist I can tell you that our debt and annual deficit can destroy this nation.

Our economy is not on a sound footing.

Our future jobs will not come from the business of the past.

Our approach to education is not adequate to solve this problem.

Our national and homeland security are better than in the past, but not equal to the task.

Our national leaders are squabbling over power – or sitting silent like our representative – instead of addressing these problems.

And I can tell you that I am the most qualified candidate in this race to unseat Chet Edwards, and represent you from day one in attacking these challenges to your future. I urge you to Fire Chet, Hire Dave, and let's get the country working again.