Defending National Sovereignty
"Most Americans do not regard the United Nations as an end in and of itself - they see it as just one part of America's diplomatic arsenal. To the extent that the U.N. is effective, the American people will support it. To the extent that it becomes ineffective - or even worse, a burden - the American people will cast it aside."

--Senator Jesse Helms
January 20, 2000
A CONSTITUTIONAL CALL TO ACTION

Over the last two years, as most Americans focused their attention on the state of the economy, the Obama administration has engaged in numerous activities, actively promoted by the State Department, that threaten our national sovereignty. Of course, these activities would have been effectively opposed by Senator Helms. As you may remember, Senator Helms had a rocky relationship with the State Department.

I recall a story told by a Helms staffer who, upon visiting the State Department while Senator Helms served as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, noticed an 8x10 picture of Senator Helms sitting on the desk of an employee there. When the State Department employee was asked why he had a picture of Helms on his desk, he simply stated: “To remind me that he’s always watching.”

Earlier this year, I had the honor to sit down with former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton. Ambassador Bolton shared with me his concern that the Obama administration was undermining our national sovereignty and utilizing willing partners known as NGO's (non-government organizations) to circumvent the will of Congress and the American people.

Did you know that Secretary of State Clinton recently told world leaders that she remained hopeful that the United States would join the International Criminal Court? And did you know that just a few weeks ago Associate Justice Ginsburg told an audience that she was hopeful the Supreme Court would look to international law when deciding cases?

These threats are a call to action for constitutional conservatives. My visit with Ambassador Bolton led to a special Jesse Helms Lecture (see article on page 3) at The Heritage Foundation, which was broadcast live on C-SPAN. Additionally, in this issue of the The Standard you will read more about our plans to create a group of Jesse Helms Fellows who will address the many pressing public policy issues facing our nation today.

Just like Senator Helms, the Helms Center will fight to protect the principles that have made America what President Reagan referred to as “the Shining City on the Hill.” Thanks again for your continued support of the Jesse Helms Center and freedom.

--JOHN DODD
On Tuesday, March 30, the Jesse Helms Center and The Heritage Foundation's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom hosted the inaugural Jesse Helms Lecture Series speech at Heritage's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The lecture, which was broadcast internationally on C-SPAN, was given by former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton and was entitled "Protecting National Sovereignty in the Age of Obama."

In it, Bolton focused on the changes and compromises that have been made to America's foreign policy by President Obama since he took office. The lecture commemorated the 10th anniversary of Senator Helms' historic speech to the U.N. Security Council. "Most Americans do not regard the United Nations as an end of itself - they see it as just one part of America's diplomatic arsenal," said Senator Helms in that historic U.N. address.

Bolton's presentation was both a warning and a commission for citizens to be more active and aware of the monumental damage that will occur if America's national sovereignty continues to be compromised by international treaties and agreements that threaten the freedom of all Americans.

Ambassador Bolton's presentation is available by podcast at www.heritage.org or can be obtained upon request from the Jesse Helms Center. Shortly after Ambassador Bolton's lecture, his views on this important subject were published in an Encounter Books Broadside entitled "How Barack Obama is Endangering Our National Sovereignty."
Helms Fellows Program Unveiled

On January 20, 2010, the Helms Center celebrated the 10th anniversary of Senator Jesse Helms' historic speech to the U.N. Security Council. In commemoration of that groundbreaking event, we are pleased to announce the creation of the Jesse Helms Fellows initiative to build on Senator Helms' strong brand and legacy of principled leadership.

Our Helms Fellows, who will be affiliated with think tanks such as The Heritage Foundation and universities across the country, will analyze current public policy issues within Senator Helms' historical and philosophical framework of support for free enterprise, limited government and United Nations reform. The work of the Helms Fellows will be published by the think tanks or universities the fellow is affiliated with, as well as by the Jesse Helms Center as white papers and on websites.

Their work will also be presented in a variety of other formats (op-eds, blogs, policy briefs, books, etc.) to have maximum influence in the news media, on Capitol Hill and in academia.

Fellows will actively engage these audiences through regular interviews in print, radio and television; by providing Congressional testimony and offering their expertise as panelists at major think tank events; and through lectures and presentations at conferences and international gatherings.

Meet Helms Center Friend Jay Stobbs

Retired Army Colonel E.E. “Jay” Stobbs is a committed patriot to his country and a tireless advocate for conservative principles. Jay spent his early life on the move. His father, a career Navy man, was stationed all over the United States. Jay was born in Evanston, Illinois, raised in Corpus Christie, Texas and finished high school in San Diego, California.

After high school, Jay enrolled at San Diego State University and was a member of the Air Force ROTC. In 1965, with a presidential appointment, he transferred to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After graduation, he volunteered and finished both Ranger and Airborne school. Jay was assigned to the 588th Unit as a combat engineer and was scheduled to go to Vietnam.

Instead, his unit was diverted to Germany at the last minute. It was during his time in Germany that he met his future bride M.J. Hall. In July 1975, Jay and M.J. married in Durham, North Carolina. During his Army career, he taught at West Point and received master’s degrees in physics and business administration. Jay spent his last years in the Army working in the Pentagon to remove nuclear weapons from the old Soviet Union and place them back in Russia.

Jay spent 30 years in the military and retired in 2000 as a Colonel in the United States Army. Today, Jay is an active member of many conservative organizations including the Jesse Helms Center and the North Carolina Committee for the Heritage Foundation.

Jay believes that restoring a proper understanding of our founding principles in our government and teaching them to future generations is perhaps the most important thing we can do as Americans. Jay is a true American patriot, and his support of the Helms Center is deeply appreciated.
June was an exciting month for the Helms Center as we celebrated the 15th anniversary of our annual Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge (FELC). This year’s program took place in two, five-day sessions on the campus of Wingate University. Almost 200 students from five states and four countries participated, helping to make this year one of the most successful programs to date. So what exactly did students do?

SUNDAY: DAY ONE
Students arrived and were given a crash course in basic free enterprise principles. The participants quickly learned they would have a week full of hands-on activities that would demand more than they expected! Within a few hours of their arrival they were off to work. Broken into small groups that we called companies, students elected company leaders and were immediately tasked with creating their business. By the end of the evening, all companies had a product or service, and they were already working on their business plans.

MONDAY: DAY TWO
Students participated in the Emerging Issues Debate first thing in the morning. It was a great exercise that got students thinking critically about threats to our freedom. By the end of the day companies were actively engaged in their businesses - selling products and planning events.

TUESDAY: DAY THREE
Participants were working hard to complete their assigned tasks. A walking field trip to the Helms Center was a good break in their busy schedule. After a tour of the center and a screening of Courage of His Convictions (a short film about Senator Helms), students presented their company commercials.

WEDNESDAY: DAY FOUR
The speech contest was the highlight of the day. Students addressed the question: “Who is ultimately responsible for the BP oil spill, the government or the private sector?” Two students from each company effectively presented their answers to this challenging and complicated question in a series of five-minute speeches.

E. A. MORRIS BANQUET

Students who attended the first session of FELC also participated in the annual E.A. Morris Banquet on Wednesday. Helms Center friends and supporters met and spoke with FELC participants while former N.C. Congressman and new Helms Center Board member Robin Hayes delivered the keynote address, sharing his thoughts on principled leader-

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ship. During the banquet we welcomed special guests Mrs. Jesse Helms and Helms Center board members Mr. Bill Cobey, Mrs. Nancy Grigg, Mrs. Mary Summa, Mr. Marion Bagwell and Mr. Brian Summers.

THURSDAY: DAY 5

Each company presented their Virtual Trade Mission which involved the full development of an export business plan. At the closing ceremony, company competition results were announced, and individual winners were named for the Laws of Life Essay Contest and the Speech Contest. During the course of both weeks, students earned an impressive $1,685 for the micro-finance website Kiva.org which supports budding entrepreneurs around the world.

Graduates of FELC 2010 weren’t the only ones to leave the program emboldened to fight for free enterprise. “I can honestly say, this was one of our best years ever. I’ve received such positive feedback from students and parents alike that I am more certain than ever that the Helms Center has developed a unique and innovative way to spread the positive message of capitalism. I am so grateful to the supporters of this program, because they are helping to change the future of our country through our FELC participants,” said Helms Center President John Dodd.

BB&T Lecture with Dr. Paul Bonicelli

As part of the BB&T Program on the Moral Foundations of Free Enterprise, the Jesse Helms Center welcomed Dr. Paul Bonicelli for a lecture entitled “Democracy is Development: Why Free Markets and Free Societies are the Keys to Sustainable Growth,” on March 19 at Wingate University.

Over 100 students gathered to hear Bonicelli speak about the important role capitalism plays in developing countries around the world. After the lecture, Bonicelli took questions from the audience on a variety of subjects.

Bonicelli served as a former Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to his work with USAID, Bonicelli served as a professional staff member for the International Relations Committee (House of Representatives) and taught government and political science at Patrick Henry and Grove City Col-

Bonicelli talks with a Wingate University student.

lege. He is currently the Provost and a professor of government at Houston Baptist University.

The BB&T Lectures series, a joint effort between the Helms Center and Wingate University, was made possible by a grant from BB&T. Another speaker is slated for the fall.
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

SEPTEMBER 9 - Screening of The Heritage Foundation’s film 33 Minutes at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. This event is free. To RSVP for this event, please visit www.jessehelmscenter.org and click on “Programs” then “Helms Forum.” Or to RSVP by phone, please call (704) 233-1776 ext 1.

OCTOBER - Special guest speaker as part of the BB&T Program on the Moral Foundations of Free Enterprise at Wingate University. The event will be held on the school’s campus and is free to students and the general public. Anyone outside the university should RSVP by calling (704) 233-1776, ext. 8.

NOVEMBER - In honor of the 15th anniversary of the Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge, a special celebration will be held in Charlotte. Date and featured speaker will be announced soon!

DECEMBER - The Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge will begin accepting applications for its 2011 program on December 1. To receive FELC reminders and enrollment information, please visit www.jessehelmscenter.org and click on “Programs” then “Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge.” There you will see a link to signup for our e-mail list. For more information about the program, please call Lindsay Hollandsworth at (704) 233-1776, ext. 8.