

Nomination of Gordon S. Brown To Be United States Ambassador to Mauritania

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The President today announced his intention to nominate Gordon S. Brown, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. He would succeed William Hart Twaddell.

Since 1989, Mr. Brown has served as a political adviser for the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, FL. From 1986 to 1989, Mr. Brown served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. Mr. Brown served at the Department of State in several capacities including: Director of Arab Peninsula Affairs, 1984–1986; Director of Maritime Affairs for the Economic Bureau, 1982–1984; Director of United Nations Economic Affairs, 1980–1982; and Deputy Director of the Office of Commodities, 1979–1980. Prior to this,

Mr. Brown studied at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1978–1979; served as a petroleum finance officer at the U.S. Embassy in Jidda, Saudi Arabia, 1976–1978; and as an energy and economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France, 1973–1976. He served at the Department of State as an OPEC/Near East officer in the Office of Fuels and Energy, 1971–1973; as an Egyptian desk officer, 1969–1971; and as a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, 1963–1966. Mr. Brown joined the Foreign Service in 1960.

Mr. Brown graduated from Stanford University (B.A., 1957). He was born February 24, 1936, in Rome, Italy. Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army Security Agency, 1957–1960. Mr. Brown is married, has three children, and resides in Tampa, FL.

Remarks on National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

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Bright and early. Thank you all very much. Please be seated. We want to see all of you go one-on-one with Arnold here in a minute. *[Laughter]*

But we're out here for a very special reason this early. No one wanted to tell Mr. Schwarzenegger it was too early, so here we are. *[Laughter]* I want to salute our Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander, who's leading us on a new crusade for educational excellence. And in my view, that includes education of the mind and also a fit body. And I see General Colin Powell here, and I think of the fitness of those who serve under him. And believe me, there's a good example for our whole country in that. Those young people performed superbly abroad, and they were fit, and they were kept fit. So, Colin, thank you sir.

So, what we're doing today is to kick off the National Fitness and Sports Month with the Great American Workout. And here to

lead us is our chairman, the Chairman of the President's Counsel on Fitness, Arnold Schwarzenegger. A while back Arnold was up at Camp David with us, with Barbara and me. And we play a great game up there called wallyball—it's volleyball inside of a racquetball court, marvelous exercise. And our granddaughter's 6-year-old friend Abigail looked through that little window you know they have on the racquetball court and ran into the gymnasium where the Marines were all working out up there. And she said, "Guess who's in there. Kindergarten cop. He's wearing flowered shorts. It's weird." *[Laughter]* You remember that, Maria.

Well, Arnold's doing a great job. He's already been—get this now—on his own out there because he believes—to 24 States, and his steps are leading the way for fitness.

Let me welcome the many other celebrities and guests with us, especially the team