Scott Walker Wins the Day in Oklahoma City

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker impressed conservatives in Oklahoma City last Thursday, continuing the early wave of momentum he's been building for months on the trail.

Republican presidential hopeful Walker spoke during the 2015 Southern Republican Leadership Conference on May 21, 2015 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Walker won the day as a trio of likely undeclared Republican presidential candidates argued that America needs them in 2016.

"There are a lot of folks out there who have done a really effective job winning elections, a lot of my friends of mine ... they've won a lot of elections but they haven't taken a lot of fights," Walker said.

Walker impressed the crowd and earned numerous standing ovations by boasting about going after unions and liberals in his state, implementing voter ID, and cutting taxes. Apparently no Wisconsin residents were there to question his "achievements".

Just over 100 miles from the Texas border, that state's former Gov. Rick Perry argued that he could salvage the nation from its downward spiral thanks to his conservative record.

"It's going to be a show-me-don't-tell-me election where people look past the rhetoric and say 'show me the record,'" Perry thundered to hundreds of attendees, arguing that a leader with a record of balanced budgets and growing jobs is key.

Perry's arguments impressed the crowd - though not as much as Walker's did - and his natural sense of humor earned him laughs.

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The state's 2012 winner, however, didn't see such a warm reception. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum – who won Oklahoma's primary in 2012 – saw a more tepid response than either governor, yet another indicator that the 2012 alternative will struggle to win the acclaim he enjoyed just four years ago.