

children from this potentially debilitating disease by maintaining a healthy diet and regular exercise program.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 37, has designated the week beginning May 14, 1989, and the week beginning May 13, 1990, as "National Osteoporosis Prevention Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of these events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14 through May 20, 1989, and the week of May 13 through May 19, 1990, as "National Osteoporosis Prevention Week." I urge the people of the United States, as well as educational, scientific, medical, health care, and community service organizations to observe these weeks with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 5982 of May 17, 1989**

### **High School Reserve Officer Training Corps Recognition Day, 1989**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Since it was established in 1916, the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (Junior ROTC) has assisted in shaping the character and moral values of hundreds of thousands of high school students throughout the country. Participation in the High School Reserve Officer Training Corps has helped four generations of American young people to grow in self-discipline and responsibility, as well as awareness of the duties of citizenship in a democratic society.

With its emphasis on leadership, teamwork, individual initiative, civic pride, and respect for the United States, this program contributes substantially to the strength of our country and to the personal development of the high school students who participate.

To encourage the American people to learn more about the benefits of Junior ROTC and its many contributions to the Nation, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 58, has designated May 17, 1989, the seventy-third anniversary of the ROTC program's creation, as "High School Reserve Officer Training Corps Recognition Day," and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 17, 1989, as High School Reserve Officer Training Corps Recognition Day. I call upon all Americans to

participate in appropriate ceremonies and events and become actively involved with their local high school ROTC programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 5983 of May 17, 1989**

**Armed Forces Day**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

During the past 40 years, we Americans have set aside a special day each year to recognize our debt to the men and women who defend this Nation's peace and security as members of the Armed Forces. On Armed Forces Day, we honor the men and women who serve in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

A nation's military strength is not found in its defensive systems and weapons alone, or even in the number of its military personnel. It is the personal character of the men and women in uniform—their faith, readiness, will, and devotion—that makes a nation's armed forces proud and strong. As Patrick Henry observed when urging his fellow Americans to fight for our country's independence: "The battle . . . is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

Patrick Henry's observation accents the theme for this 40th anniversary observance of Armed Forces Day: "Keeping America Strong." Our Nation is strong today because the members of our Armed Forces are vigilant, active, and brave. America's service men and women are mindful of the precious nature of freedom and peace and of our responsibility to preserve them for generations yet unborn; they are prepared to defend innocent people from the aggression of terrorists and totalitarian governments; and they are both courageous in danger and confident in "the holy cause of liberty."

The members of America's Armed Forces are part of the noble legions that have never failed to defend our Nation or her interests anywhere in the world. As our recent experience in Grenada and the Persian Gulf so forcefully reminded us, securing peace and advancing the cause of liberty require such constant strength and determination.

Today, I join with all Americans in thanking the members of the United States Armed Forces for so faithfully defending our freedom and national security. From the newest enlisted personnel to the most seasoned Generals and Admirals—Navy crewmen in the boiler room and on the bridge, Coast Guard crews at sea and stateside, Air Force personnel on the lonely tarmac or in the busy control tower, Marines and Army soldiers from boot camp to command post—you are America's heroes as surely as the brave and selfless veterans who have gone before you.