

The American Gold Star Mothers have likewise made an enormous sacrifice for our country, and, on this occasion, we echo President Lincoln's timeless appeal.

Whether they made their final stand for liberty and justice on the beaches of Normandy during World War II, on the harsh terrain of Korea and Vietnam, or, more recently, in places such as Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, and the Persian Gulf region, those heroic Americans who have died while defending the cause of peace and freedom will never be forgotten. To the women who nurtured in them a love of God and country, as well as a sense of duty and concern for others, we offer a heartfelt salute.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 (June 23, 1936), designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 30, 1990, as Gold Star Mother's Day. I call upon all government officials to display the United States flag on government buildings on this day. I also urge the people of the United States to display the flag and to hold appropriate meetings in their homes, churches, synagogues, or other suitable places, as a public expression of the love, sorrow, and reverence that our Nation holds for American Gold Star Mothers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6188 of September 28, 1990

National Job Skills Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Throughout most of the past decade, the United States has enjoyed remarkable, uninterrupted economic growth. This Nation's prosperity and its continued leadership in global economic affairs are, in large part, a tribute not only to the ingenuity and drive of American workers but also to the traditional strength of our academic institutions and the fundamental validity of free market principles.

As we approach the 21st century, however, the United States faces significant new challenges. Remaining a leader in the increasingly competitive global marketplace will require greater knowledge and improved skills among members of our labor force—knowledge and skills that will enable them to keep pace with continued advances in science and technology. A projected slowdown in work force growth and other demographic changes, such as the changing age profile of our work

force and the many types of new work force entrants, also call for higher quality education in America and more effective job training.

A major Federal program to assist workers in acquiring the education and occupational skills they need is conducted under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Through the JTPA, private organizations and businesses work in concert with government agencies to provide training and employment opportunities for older, disadvantaged, and dislocated workers, as well as for those who previously have not been able to compete in the labor market because of lack of education or skills. By promoting higher levels of literacy, education, and skill among members of the Nation's work force, the JTPA is not only contributing to the personal fulfillment and success of individual participants, but also helping to keep our country strong and prosperous in a rapidly changing world.

To focus national attention on current and evolving work force needs, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 333, has designated the week of September 30 through October 6, 1990, as "National Job Skills Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of September 30 through October 6, 1990, as National Job Skills Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6189 of September 28, 1990

Minority Enterprise Development Week, 1990

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

As we move toward the 21st century, the United States is challenged by the need to build a strong foundation for continued economic growth and prosperity. If we are to remain a leader in the global marketplace, we must increase our competitiveness through the production and delivery of high quality goods and services, and we must fully utilize the talents and ideas of all our workers. To do so, we must ensure that all Americans not only have the opportunity to participate in our free enterprise system, but also have the knowledge and skills needed to master ever more sophisticated technology in the workplace.

Achieving our goals for the 21st century will require an education system that is second to none, and it will require market-oriented government policies that sustain a climate conducive to business success. It will also require the best efforts of the private sector.