

Even in retirement Ike continued to serve the Nation, generously accommodating those successors who sought his counsel and sharing with an attentive Nation his views on matters of foreign policy. He died on March 28, 1969, but his legacy continues to enrich and inspire us.

How pleased Dwight Eisenhower would be to know that freedom's holy light, borne so bravely by American and Allied troops in battle, now burns brightly in countries that once suffered under the shadow of tyranny. Indeed, the positive developments we have witnessed around the world during the past year would not have been possible without his leadership at a critical moment in history. Neither would they have been possible without the vigilance, strength, and resolve of free nations, rooted in ideals Ike cherished.

In 1990, we do well to honor the memory of Dwight Eisenhower by re-dedicating ourselves to the principles he fought so hard to uphold. This great man himself once observed:

We know—and all the world constantly reminds us—that the future well-being of humanity depends directly upon America's leadership. I say emphatically that this leadership depends no less directly upon the faith, the courage, the love of freedom, and the capacity for sacrifice of every American citizen, every home, every American community.

Today we can be grateful for the extraordinary example he set.

The Congress, by Public Law 101-258, has designated October 14, 1990, the 100th anniversary of his birth, as "Dwight D. Eisenhower Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 14, 1990, as Dwight D. Eisenhower Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities in remembrance of his devotion to freedom and democracy and his many contributions to our Nation and the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of October, 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 6200 of October 11, 1990

White Cane Safety Day, 1990

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

The white cane is a simple yet effective tool that enables many of America's citizens with visual impairments to enjoy greater independence and freedom of movement. This familiar device helps visually impaired individuals to navigate through their environment safely, avoiding physical barriers and hazards.

For millions of Americans, both those with visual disabilities and those without, the white cane is also a symbol of dignity and determination. It is a tangible reminder that those Americans who have impaired eyesight possess not only the desire but also the ability to lead full, independent, and productive lives.

Each year, during the observance of White Cane Safety Day, we renew our commitment to eliminating physical and attitudinal barriers that continue to hinder the full participation of blind persons in our society. On this White Cane Safety Day we also celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which I signed into law on July 26, 1990. A declaration of equality for persons with disabilities, this historic legislation guarantees these citizens protection against discrimination as well as greater opportunities to participate in the mainstream of American life.

In recognition of the white cane and all that it symbolizes, the Congress, by Joint Resolution approved October 6, 1964, has authorized the President to designate October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1990, as White Cane Safety Day. I urge all Americans to show respect for those who carry the white cane and to honor, through appropriate ceremonies and activities, their many achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of October, 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 6201 of October 11, 1990

Fire Prevention Week, 1990

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

Each year, thousands of Americans are killed by fire. Tens of thousands more suffer from fire-related injuries. Tragically, the overwhelming majority of these fire deaths and injuries occur in places where people tend to feel most secure: their homes.

Although no one is immune to the threat of fire, our most vulnerable citizens—older Americans and children—are at greatest risk. Protecting the lives of these individuals and reducing the total number of deaths and injuries from fires in the United States require the sustained involvement and concern of all Americans and continued cooperation between the public and private sectors.

Throughout the year, numerous agencies and associations sponsor programs aimed at preventing fires that may cause death and injury. These local and national programs have conveyed the concerns of our Nation's fire service organizations to the public. They have helped people to recognize the destructive power of fire, and they have dem-