and process raw agricultural goods; and by retailers who distribute and sell finished farm products to consumers. Viewed in its broadest sense, agriculture is one of our Nation's largest employers, involving the storage, transportation, processing, distribution, and merchandising of U.S. agricultural products. Millions of Americans earn their living in farming and agriculture-related industries.

The rural and urban ties we celebrate during National Farm-City Week are steadily being strengthened as more and more American farmers begin to supply not only food and fiber but also raw materials for industrial use. These materials include biodegradable plastics, alternative fuels and fuel additives, as well as printing inks and newsprint. The development of these and other products is contributing to the creation of new and diverse agro-industries.

The Americans who work in our Nation's thriving agricultural sector make an invaluable contribution to the well-being of our families and to the economic strength of the entire country. During this special season, as we prepare to share a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with our loved ones, we do well to recognize all those who bring this Nation's agricultural bounty from field to table.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16 through November 22, 1990, as National Farm-City Week. I call upon all Americans, in rural areas and cities alike, to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our Nation's farmers and of all those who cooperate in producing the abundance of agricultural goods that enrich and strengthen the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of November, 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 6232 of November 15, 1990

National Federation of the Blind Day, 1990

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Since its founding half a century ago, the National Federation of the Blind has been a leading advocate for Americans affected by severe visual loss. Its administrators, staff, and supporters know that persons who are blind possess not only the desire but also the ability to lead full, independent, and productive lives, and they have encouraged all Americans to recognize this fact as well.

Through an effective community outreach program, the Federation has been working to enhance the public image of blind Americans and to promote real equality of opportunity for these members of our society. This outreach program includes television and radio appearances by

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Federation members, public presentations, and the distribution of educational materials. In addition, the Federation produces monthly and quarterly publications that serve as a valuable source of news and information on issues affecting Americans with impaired eyesight.

If the United States is to remain a strong and prosperous country, one that is competitive in the rapidly changing global marketplace, we must utilize the talent, creativity, and skill of all our citizens. Helping more blind Americans to enter this country's social and economic mainstream is, therefore, not only a moral imperative but also a wise investment in our Nation's future. On July 26, I was pleased to sign into law the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for persons with disabilities, this legislation prohibits employers covered by the Act from discriminating against qualified applicants or employees on the basis of a disability; it guarantees persons with disabilities access to public accommodations, such as offices, hotels, and shopping centers; and it calls for improved access to transportation, State and local government services, and telecommunications as well. This legislation—like the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind—reflects our commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity for all Americans.

In recognition of the Federation and its outstanding work, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 667, has designated November 16, 1990, as "National Federation of the Blind Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 16, 1990, as National Federation of the Blind Day. I encourage all Americans to observe this day through appropriate programs and activities that reaffirm our appreciation of the rights, needs, and abilities of persons who are blind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of November, 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 6233 of November 16, 1990

National Military Families Recognition Day, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

A great portion of our Nation's military strength is derived from our proud and courageous military families. Each of us gains untold strength and inspiration through our loved ones; for the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces, however, the love and support of family are indispensable when striving to endure the risks and sacrifices that are a frequent part of military life.