

a time when the peoples of newly emerging democracies are working to establish market economies and to promote the capital formation and investment that are cornerstones of prosperity and progress, we take special pride in the 200th anniversary of the New York Stock Exchange and in the many contributions that the NYSE has made to the development of the United States.

The New York Stock Exchange is, in many ways, a symbol of our Nation's free enterprise system and of the opportunities for savings and investment it provides to all of our citizens. Led by a private board of directors and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the NYSE offers an efficient market for the trading of securities, thereby facilitating the purchase and sale of stocks, options, futures, and other innovative financial contracts. By providing a vehicle by which businesses can acquire capital and by enabling individual and corporate investors to select portfolios that best fit their needs, the New York Stock Exchange has helped to finance the development of American industry and technology and, in so doing, contributed to the creation of countless jobs.

With 200 years of experience and growth behind them, members of today's New York Stock Exchange are helping to promote American principles of free enterprise around the world. As the economies of the United States and other nations become increasingly interdependent, and as advances in communications and other technologies transform financial markets, the future of the NYSE promises to be as eventful and as distinguished as its past.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 254, has recognized May 17, 1992, as the bicentennial of the New York Stock Exchange and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in recognition of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite all Americans to observe May 17, 1992, the bicentennial of the New York Stock Exchange, in recognition of that institution's role in promoting the economic vitality and growth of the United States.

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

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6437 of May 18, 1992

Older Americans Month, 1992

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

The heart of a nation may well be judged by the amount of respect that it has for its elders. Accordingly, when we pause to honor older Americans, the men and women who have helped to keep the United States free, strong, and prosperous, we show that we are a grateful people.

Older Americans constitute a living link to the past as well as a rich source of experience and wisdom for the future. They are our parents, grandparents, neighbors, and mentors, and, together, they have helped to preserve the rich legacy of freedom that we enjoy today. Through two global conflicts and the Cold War that followed, older Americans labored and sacrificed to defend the light of liberty. Through their creativity and hard work, they developed technology that has enabled us to cross new frontiers in space and science while achieving ever higher levels of industrial and agricultural productivity. Today, millions of older Americans share their talents and expertise with younger generations by engaging in voluntary service, thereby becoming Points of Light. What better way to thank our senior citizens than to ensure that they have access to the opportunities, services, and support that they so rightly deserve.

Each of us can contribute toward that important goal by joining in the National Eldercare Campaign. As part of this campaign, the Federal Government is working to promote partnerships among private voluntary organizations and State and Area Agencies on Aging. These locally established coalitions will help to address the specific needs of the at-risk elderly, thereby enabling millions of older Americans to live with dignity and security in their own homes and communities.

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 month of May 1992 as Older Americans Month. I call on the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities in honor of our Nation's senior citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18 day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6438 of May 18, 1992

National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month, 1992

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Huntington's disease is an insidious, hereditary neurological disorder that causes the gradual deterioration of one's ability to speak, move, and think. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke reports that some 25,000 Americans have Huntington's disease, and that each of their children has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the defective gene that is associated with it.

One of the tragic facts about Huntington's disease is that it usually becomes manifest in the middle years, after an individual has established a career and a family. The estimated 125,000 Americans who are at risk of developing the disease may spend years anxiously awaiting the appearance of symptoms, such as tics, lapses in memory, and unsteadiness. If an individual develops Huntington's disease, the resulting de-