

Minnesota; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi; Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government; and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

### **Proclamation 7817—Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 2004**

*September 17, 2004*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

Two hundred and seventeen years ago this week, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed one of the most enduring documents in history: the Constitution of the United States. Our Constitution is the foundation of our liberty and has guaranteed the rights of our people through a history of tremendous change and progress.

Today, we marvel at the wisdom of the Framers who toiled through a long summer of learned and contentious debates. Their work produced a document that upholds high ideals, while answering the most practical questions of governance. The charter they crafted—with its separate branches of Government, enumerated powers, checks and balances, and later the specific protections provided by our Bill of Rights—guides our Nation and inspires others around the world.

During Constitution Week, our Nation reflects on the significance of our Constitution and gives thanks for the blessings of liberty that this document helps to secure. We honor the men and women who have supported and defended it throughout our history, at times with their lives. On Citizenship Day, we reaffirm our commitment to freedom, to ensuring that our history endures, and to instilling in America's next generation the values that make our country great.

In remembrance of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of the Americans who strive to uphold the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 106, as amended), designated September 17 as "Citizenship Day," and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956 (36 U.S.C. 108, as amend-

ed), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week."

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush**, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2004, as Citizenship Day, and September 17 through September 23, 2004, as Constitution Week. I encourage Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, to conduct ceremonies and programs that celebrate our Constitution and reaffirm our rights and obligations as citizens of our great Nation.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 21.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **September 11**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to St. John's Episcopal Church where they attended a prayer and remembrance service to commemorate the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. They then returned to the White House where, on the South Lawn, they observed a moment of silence.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

**September 12**

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

**September 13**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Ivan. Later, he traveled to Muskegon, MI, where he began a bus tour.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Holland, MI, and then to Battle Creek, MI, where he concluded his bus tour.

In the evening, the President traveled to Aurora, CO.

**September 14**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Ivan. Later, he traveled to Greenwood Village, CO.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Las Vegas, NV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Theresa Bunker.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael J. Harrison to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela Hughes Patenaude to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development.

**September 15**

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida, Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Louisiana, Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi, and Gov. Bob Riley of Alabama to discuss efforts in preparation for Hurricane Ivan. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, at Decatur House, the President made remarks at the 2004 Joint Candidate Committee appreciation luncheon.

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Neven Jurica

of Croatia, Vinci N. Clodumar of Nauru, Fritz Kwabena Poku of Ghana, Ranendra Sen of India, Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza of Spain, Kedar Bhakta Shrestha of Nepal, and Samuel Zbogar of Slovenia. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Arden Bement, Jr., whom he intends to nominate to be Director of the National Science Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Francis J. Harvey to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arden Bement, Jr., to be Director of the National Science Foundation.

**September 16**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Ivan. Later, he traveled to St. Cloud, MN, where he began a bus tour.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Blaine, MN, and then to Rochester, MN, concluding his bus tour.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Gaston on August 28–30.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ivan beginning on September 13 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ivan beginning on September 13 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ivan beginning on September 13 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ivan beginning on September 13 and continuing.

**September 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also participated in a telephone interview with the Union Leader, Manchester, NH.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Charlotte, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Crystal Regan.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in a discussion on women's issues at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart. Later, he attended a Victory 2004 reception at a private residence.

In the evening, the President traveled to Kennebunkport, ME.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jesus H. Delgado-Jenkins to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Management) and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chief Financial Officer.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

**Submitted September 13**

Richard Greco, Jr.,  
of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, vice Dionel M. Aviles.

Patrick J. Leahy,  
of Vermont, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 59th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

John E. Sununu,  
of New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 59th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ryan C. Crocker,  
of Washington, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister,

for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Marc Isaiah Grossman,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

A. Elizabeth Jones,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Alan Philip Larson,  
of Iowa, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Johnny Young,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

**Withdrawn September 13**

Robert Jepson,  
of Georgia, to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008, vice Karen Hastie Williams, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on December 9, 2003.

**Submitted September 15**

Arden Bement, Jr.,  
of Indiana, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of 6 years, vice Rita R. Colwell, resigned.

Michael J. Harrison,  
of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, vice Lou Gallegos, resigned.

Francis J. Harvey,  
of California, to be Secretary of the Army, vice Thomas E. White, resigned.