

United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

George W. Bush

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

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.

September 10

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine. He then had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

The President declared an emergency in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance

to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

September 11

In the morning, the President 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, 2001, terrorist attacks. They then returned to the White

House where, on the South Lawn, they observed a moment of silence.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, where he went to the U.S.S. *Iwo Jima*, docked near New Orleans.

In the evening, the President went to a staging area in New Orleans where he met with first-responders involved with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Later, he returned to the U.S.S. *Iwo Jima*.

September 12

In the morning, aboard the U.S.S. *Iwo Jima*, the President, Mayor C. Ray Nagin of New Orleans, LA, and Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore, USA, commanding general, First United States Army, received a briefing by Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen, USCG, U.S. Coast Guard Chief of Staff, on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, the President went to New Orleans where he, Mayor Nagin, and Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Louisiana toured the areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Later, he took an aerial tour of the damaged areas, concluding in Gulfport, MS, where, upon arrival, he met with Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Mayor Brent Warr of Gulfport, MS, and other local officials.

In the afternoon, the President met with U.S. and Mexico first-responders involved with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. He also met with individuals at a hurricane assistance center. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate R. David Paulison as Acting Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

The President declared an emergency in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emer-

gency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

September 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to congratulate him on his election victory. Later, he had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Jalal Talabani of the Iraqi Transitional Government. Later, in the Old Family Dining Room, they had lunch.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to New York City, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jim Shevlin.

Later in the afternoon, at the United Nations Headquarters, the President met with Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations. Later, he paid a courtesy call on President of the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Jan Eliasson.

In the evening, at the Waldorf-Astoria, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for leaders of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael R. Arietti to be Ambassador to Rwanda.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karan K. Bhatia to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board: Jean Loretta Becker; Linnet F. Deily; Thomas E. Corts; and Yousif Boutrous Ghafari.

September 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to the United Nations Headquarters, where, upon arrival, he signed the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

Later in the morning, the President met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he went to the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue.

In the evening, the President returned to the White House.

The President declared an emergency in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Idaho and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Montana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist

evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts for the counties located in the direct path of Hurricane Ophelia beginning on September 11 and continuing.

September 15

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hamid Karzai to discuss the elections in Afghanistan to be held September 18. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-

elect Jens Stoltenberg of Norway to congratulate him on his election victory.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Vice President Dick Cheney then had a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session for his address to the Nation later in the day.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Pascagoula, MS. Later, at the Chevron Pascagoula Refinery, he and Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi had a briefing by refinery manager Roland Kell.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, where he went to the U.S.S. *Iwo Jima*, docked near New Orleans. Upon arrival, he met with Mayor C. Ray Nagin of New Orleans, LA, Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Louisiana, Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, and Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore, USA, commanding general, First United States Army.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor (Occupational Safety and Health).

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Stickler to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

The President announced his intention to designate Santanu K. Baruah as Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

September 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Thaksin Chinnawat of Thailand to the White House on September 19.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Abdullah II of

Jordan to the White House on September 22.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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

Shana L. Dale,
of Georgia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice Frederick D. Gregory.

Donald A. Gambatesa,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development, vice Everett L. Mosley.

Carmen Maria Martinez,
of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zambia.

Gregory F. Van Tatenhove,
of Kentucky, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, vice Karl S. Forester, retired.

Submitted September 15

Michael R. Arietti,
of Connecticut, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Rwanda.

Karan K. Bhatia,
of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Josette Sheeran Shiner.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,
of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice John Lester Henshaw.