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synagogue or the mosque can be much more effective than the government program. After all, people who go to the houses of worship go because they want to love a neighbor just like they'd like to be loved themselves.

Ours is a fantastic country, full of the armies of compassion that feed the hungry and find shelter to the homeless and put their arm around somebody and says, "I love you, brother; what can I do to help?" Government is of law and justice; love comes from a higher calling. And I need Members of the United States Congress who are willing to stand strong to make sure the Faith-Based Initiative in Washington, DC, is strong, active, and alive, so we can help change America one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time.

And so I've come back to Savannah with a simple message: Please send a good man—a good, smart man—a good, honest, smart man, who loves his family and loves the people of this district, to the United States Congress. And that man is Max Burns.

Thanks for coming. May God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:46 p.m. at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. In his remarks, he referred to Walter E. Brown, president and chief executive officer, Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum; former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; Usama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaida terrorist organization; Ayman Al-Zawahiri, founder of Egyptian Islamic Jihad and senior Al Qaida associate; and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

Proclamation 8047—Patriot Day, 2006

September 7, 2006

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On the fifth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, we recall the fire and horror at the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a Pennsylvania field. America will always remember the thousands of innocent lives taken by the enemies of freedom that morning.

In the face of these unspeakable attacks, we were reminded that the great strength of America is found in the hearts and souls of our citizens. We witnessed firefighters, police officers, other public safety officials, and ordinary Americans demonstrate extraordinary courage, risking their lives to save innocent victims. We saw our country united in compassion as Americans came together to provide relief and bring hope to others.

Today, America is fighting a war that is testing our Nation's resolve. We are once again answering history's call with confidence, and we know that freedom will prevail. Our brave men and women in uniform have stepped forward to fight our enemies abroad so that we do not have to face them here at home, and we are grateful for the courageous individuals bringing terrorists to justice around the world.

We are also confronting the extremists in the great ideological struggle of the 21st century. September the 11th made clear that, in the long run, the only way to secure our Nation is to advance liberty and democracy as the great alternatives to repression and radicalism. By working together with our friends and allies, we are helping spread the blessings of freedom and laying the foundations of peace for generations to come.

The events of September 11, 2001, will always be a defining moment in our history. We hold the victims and their families in our hearts, and we lift them up in our prayers.

By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107–89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2006, as Patriot Day. I call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half staff on Patriot Day. I also call upon the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and remembrance services, to display the flag at half staff from their homes on that day, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent Americans and people from around

the world who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 12.

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 2

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 3

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

September 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Piney Point, MD.

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

September 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary E. Peters to be Secretary of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert K. Steel to be Under Secretary of the Treasury (Domestic Finance).

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Amelia Bomar to be Director of the National Park Service and to appoint her as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center.

The President announced his intention to nominate Larry W. Brown, John E. Mansfield, and Peter S. Winokur to be members of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate William W. Mercer to be Associate Attorney General and to designate him as Acting Associate Attorney General of the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles F. Conner to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dennis Bovin and Martin S. Feldstein as members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dallas Rob Sweezy as a member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and upon appointment to designate him as Chair.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Clayton Aiken; Stephen Bird; Valerie Billmire; James Boles; Stephanie Brown; William J. Edwards; Brian J. Kelly; Mary Margaret Pucci; Linda Hampton Starnes; Stephen Henry Suroveic; and William E. Tienken.

September 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Katie Couric of CBS Evening News.

The President announced that he has promoted Anita B. McBride to be Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady.

September 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Atlanta, GA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with