

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 11:20 a.m. on November 22 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on November 25. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 24 but was embargoed for release until the broadcast. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

### **Statement on the Deaths of Frank Madla, Mary Cruz, and Aleena Jimenez**

*November 26, 2006*

Laura and I are deeply saddened by the deaths of Frank Madla, his mother-in-law, Mary Cruz, and his granddaughter, Aleena Jimenez. Frank was a dedicated public servant who devoted more than three decades of his life to serving his State and all its people in the Texas house and senate. Frank never hesitated to reach across party lines to do what was best for his fellow Texans, and I was proud to work with him when I was Governor. Texas has lost a fine man. Laura and I pray for the full and speedy recovery of Frank's wife, Helen. We send our deepest sympathies to the entire family for their loss.

### **Statement on the Death of Police Officer Steve Favela**

*November 26, 2006*

Laura and I are deeply saddened by the death of Officer Steve Favela of the Honolulu Police Department. Officer Favela died from injuries he suffered while protecting us during our visit to Hawaii. We send our condolences to his wife, Barbara, his entire family, and his fellow law enforcement officers. We pray that God will comfort them and that their friends and loved ones will sustain them in this difficult time.

Officer Favela risked his life every day to protect the people of his community. In this time of great sadness, we give thanks for his life of service.

### **Proclamation 8086—National Methamphetamine Awareness Day, 2006**

*November 27, 2006*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

Methamphetamine abuse shatters families and threatens our communities. On National Methamphetamine Awareness Day, we underscore the dangers of methamphetamine and reaffirm our collective responsibility to combat all forms of drug abuse.

Methamphetamine is a powerfully addictive drug that dramatically affects users' minds and bodies. Chronic use can lead to violent behavior, paranoia, and an inability to cope with the ordinary demands of life. Methamphetamine abusers can transform homes into places of danger and despair by neglecting or endangering the lives of their children, spouses, and other loved ones. Additionally, methamphetamine production exposes anyone near the process to toxic chemicals and the risk of explosion.

My Administration is committed to fighting the spread of methamphetamine abuse throughout our country. While the number of teens who have tried this deadly drug and the number of people testing positive for methamphetamine in the workplace have decreased in recent years, methamphetamine use is still a dangerous public health problem. In the Synthetic Drug Control Strategy released earlier this year, my Administration set goals of a 15 percent decrease in methamphetamine use and 25 percent reduction in domestic methamphetamine labs over the next 3 years. To help reach these objectives, my proposed 2007 budget includes \$25 million to help ensure that Americans have access to effective methamphetamine abuse recovery services and programs. Earlier this year, I also signed into law the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005, which makes manufacturing the drug more difficult and imposes tougher penalties on those who smuggle or sell it.

The struggle against methamphetamine is a national, State, and local effort. To find out how to raise awareness and to learn more

about the battle against methamphetamine abuse, concerned citizens may visit [theantidrug.com](http://theantidrug.com) and [methresources.gov](http://methresources.gov). By working together, we can build a stronger, healthier America for generations to come.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. 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 November 30, 2006, as National Methamphetamine Awareness Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of November, 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 was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 28, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on November 30.

**Memorandum on Waiving the Prohibition on the Use of Fiscal Year 2006 Economic Support Funds With Respect to Various Parties to the Rome Statute Establishing the International Criminal Court**

*November 27, 2006*

Presidential Determination No. 2007-5

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Waiving the Prohibition on the Use of Fiscal Year 2006 Economic Support Funds with Respect to Various Parties to the Rome Statute Establishing the International Criminal Court

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 574 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (the "Act"), Public Law 109-102, I hereby:

- Determine that it is important to the national interests of the United States to waive the prohibition of section 574(a) of the Act with respect to Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ecuador, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Niger, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, South Africa, and Tanzania; and
- Waive the prohibition of section 574(a) of the Act with respect to these countries.

You are authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress, and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 28.

**Remarks Prior to Discussions With Prime Minister Andrus Ansip of Estonia in Tallinn, Estonia**

*November 28, 2006*

[*The Prime Minister's remarks are joined in progress.*]

**Prime Minister Ansip.** —once again, thank you very much for your support and for the support of your country.

**President Bush.** Thank you, Mr. Prime Minister. We're honored to be here. It's a great country. And I thank you for your leadership. I'm very proud of the economic accomplishments and your contributions to peace and liberty around the world. I've really been looking forward to coming here. I'm honored that you agreed to—[*inaudible*]. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 9:37 a.m. at the Stenbock House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

**Remarks Following a Meeting With Proponents of Democracy in Tallinn**

*November 28, 2006*

It's an amazing country you have here. They've got an e-government system that should be the envy of a lot of nations. They've