

Senator McCain has once again demonstrated his commitment to reforming Washington.

I applaud Senator McCain for selecting Governor Palin. This decision is yet another example of why the American people can trust him to make wise decisions and to confidently lead this country.

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language version of this statement.

### **Message on the Observance of Labor Day**

*August 29, 2008*

I send greetings to all Americans celebrating Labor Day 2008.

In America, all citizens have an opportunity to forge their own paths forward, and their success is limited only by the size of their dreams. From engineering to healthcare and from small businesses to education, the American people are the most industrious, enterprising, and productive in the world. These talented and innovative workers provide for their families and play a vital role in building a more prosperous future for our country. By trusting in the ingenuity and creativity of America's risk-takers and dreamers, our country will remain the most vibrant, hopeful, and dynamic around the globe.

Each year on Labor Day, we honor the dedicated men and women of our Nation's workforce. Their determined efforts add to the strength and vitality of our country and build a brighter future for America.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language version of this message. An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

### **Message on the Observance of Ramadan**

*August 29, 2008*

I send greetings to Muslims observing Ramadan in America and around the globe.

The holy month of Ramadan is a special time of prayer, fasting, and service. For Muslims, these days commemorate the revelation of God's word to the prophet Muhammad in the form of the Qur'an.

I thank the men and women of the Muslim community for their contributions to America. Your love of family, and gratitude to God have strengthened the moral fabric of our country. Our Nation is stronger and more hopeful because of the generosity, talents, and compassion of our Muslim citizens.

Laura and I send our best wishes. Ramadan Mubarak.

**George W. Bush**

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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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#### **August 23**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **August 24**

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Fay beginning on August 18 and continuing.

#### **August 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President hosted the 100 Degree Club run.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor Charlie Crist of Florida to discuss damage and recovery efforts in the areas struck by Tropical Storm Fay.

**August 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with several senior officials.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss the situation in Georgia.

**August 27**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, he was briefed on Tropical Storm Gustav.

In the evening, the President had dinner with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

**August 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he was briefed on Tropical Storm Gustav.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff concerning Tropical Storm Gustav.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Martin Torrijos Espino of Panama to the White House on September 17.

**August 29**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 6580, the Hubbard Act. He then had a telephone conversation with Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska to congratulate her on her selection as the Republican Vice Presidential candidate.

During the day, the President was briefed on Hurricane Gustav.

In the evening, at the Marine Barracks, the President participated in the evening parade.

The President declared an emergency in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Gustav beginning on August 27 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Gustav beginning on August 27 and continuing.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremony of the Paralympic games in Beijing, China, on September 6: James B. Peake (head of delegation); Clark T. Randt, Jr.; Kirk Bauer; Jean Driscoll; Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, USA; Kevin Szott; and Trischa Zorn.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Eley to be Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dave Heineman to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as U.S. Commissioners of the U.S. section of the Pacific Salmon Commission: David Bedford; Jeffrey P. Koenings; Onley Patt, Jr.; and Gregory Schildwachter.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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**Released August 24**

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida