

Army Chief of Staff; former Representatives Joseph J. DioGuardi and Mickey Leland; Georgiana Palmer and Mary Bowen, sisters of Corporal Stowers, and S. Sgt. Douglas Warren and T. Sgt. Odis Stowers, his great-

grandnephews; Secretary of the Army Michael P.W. Stone; Sean Byrne, Army Aide to the President; and Gen. Colin L. Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Nomination of Nancy P. Dorn To Be an Assistant Secretary of the Army

April 24, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Nancy Patricia Dorn, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works at the Department of Defense. She would succeed Robert W. Page.

Since 1990 Ms. Dorn has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Inter-American Affairs at the Department of Defense. Prior to this Ms. Dorn served as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs at the White House, 1988–1989, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs at the Department of

State, 1986–1988. In 1986 she served as chief of staff and floor assistant for the House Republican Deputy Whip Loeffler and press secretary and chief spokesman for the Loeffler for Governor campaign in Texas. Ms. Dorn served with Congressman Tom Loeffler as the associate staff designee on the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, 1983–1986, and as a legislative assistant, 1981–1983.

Ms. Dorn graduated from Baylor University in 1981. She was born September 18, 1958, in Lubbock, TX, and resides in Arlington, VA.

Remarks to the United States Academic Decathlon Winners

April 25, 1991

The President. Please be seated. Thank you. What a day. I was going to apologize for keeping you waiting, but now I think I'll take credit for giving you the time in the sun here. *[Laughter]* It is beautiful, and we are just delighted to have you all here. I want to especially recognize this gentleman in the front row, Ted Sanders, who's doing such a wonderful job at our Department of Education; Bob Suarez of the U.S. Academic Decathlon; and the teams from DC's Benjamin Banneker High School and Alexandria, Virginia's Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology.

And of course, welcome to our newest American heroes, the 1991 Academic Decathlon champs—the team's from J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas. We're proud of you, and I think America

is proud of you.

I was looking over some of the questions you tackled, like: "The Earth's magnetic field is compressed on the sun-facing side by what?" Well—*[laughter]*—the kids behind me know, but for the media out there, the answer is: solar wind. *[Laughter]* You guys remember that.

All I can say is, I wouldn't have made it past the round where they asked me to spell "broccoli." *[Laughter]*

But congratulations to Kevin, Dardy, Eugene, Misty, Christine, Craig, Wade, Amie, and Frank, and coaches Dorcas and Linda—the Norman Schwarzkopfs of Pearce High. *[Laughter]* That's what we refer to you as around here. *[Laughter]* You've done something remarkable. This year's contest began with more than 35,000