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Horatio Alger lived, and it's just as true for children today. His stories call to mind an era very distant from ours, and they were just stories, but they had a point, and they showed young readers the way.

Such stories are still being written in America, in every town and city, every day, and in real life. Today we recognize 10 such lives, the example they set and the promise they hold for others to follow. And it is my honor to honor them.

God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:03 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to H. Wayne Huizenga,

president and CEO, Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, who introduced the President; 2001 Horatio Alger Award winners Marvin A. Pomerantz, James V. Kimsey, Linda G. Alvarado, Stephen G. Schott, Archie W. Dunham, Bill Greehey, Wesley E. Cantrell, Franklin D. Raines, John H. Dasburg, and Chuck Hagel; and Ruth Stafford Peale, association member and widow of association founder Norman Vincent Peale. The President also referred to Title I of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Public Law No. 103-382), which amended Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Public Law No. 89-10).

Statement on Senate Action on Federal Budget Legislation *April 6, 2001*

I want to say I've got a little news I'd like to report. I'm really pleased to report that the United States Senate just moments ago passed a budget that funds our Nation's priorities and allows for over \$1.2 trillion of meaningful, real tax relief for the American people.

The House has already passed \$1.6 trillion of tax relief. Now the House and Senate will work to find common ground between these two budget plans, and the result will be the largest tax relief in decades. The fact that both Houses of Congress have committed to provide significant relief is

good for the American people, and it's good for the economy.

When the House and Senate complete their work, they will have paved the way so the American people can receive an across-the-board income tax reduction, a doubling of the child credit, relief from the marriage penalty, and the elimination of the death tax. This budget also wisely increases spending on education, funds priorities like Medicare and Social Security, and pays down a record amount of debt.

I applaud today's action and congratulate the Republicans and Democrats who helped make it happen.

Remarks on Repair of the Daniel Webster Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin *April 6, 2001*

How are you all today? It's good to be here. I'm pleased to be here with Governor McCallum and the mayor of Milwaukee;

Secretary Mineta and Secretary Thompson, former Governor of the great State of Wisconsin.