

instructed U.S. Trade Representative Bob Zoellick to inform European officials in his September meeting that we think these subsidies are unfair and that he should pursue all options to end these subsidies—including bringing a WTO case, if need be. We believe in free trade; we want that free trade to be fair as well. And getting rid of the subsidies of Airbus will make the trade fair, will make the playing field level.

I also want to say something about those residents in Florida. I have been in touch with the Governor and FEMA Director Mike Brown about the—Hurricane Charley that is hitting the coast, the western coast

of Florida. Our prayers are with you and your families tonight. We have deployed resources to help. I have declared an emergency, and the process is now in place to aid, provide Federal aid to those who may be affected by this hurricane. And as I repeat, we ask God's blessing on those who were in the path of that hurricane.

I thank you all very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:28 p.m. in the Boeing Delivery Center at Boeing Field/King County International Airport. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida.

## Statement on the Death of Julia Child *August 13, 2004*

Julia Child enriched America with her optimism and enthusiasm for life. She worked with the Office of Strategic Services to protect freedom during World War II. She taught millions to enjoy cooking, and her legacy will continue through her books and videos. She was a pioneer in the early

television age who made great strides for women. For her many contributions, she was honored in 2003 with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil honor. Laura and I send our prayers and condolences to her family and friends.

## The President's Radio Address *August 14, 2004*

Good morning. This past week, the Games of the 28th Olympiad began in Athens. Athletes from more than 200 nations gathered at the opening ceremony to watch the lighting of the Olympic torch and to begin 2 weeks of world-class competition.

America is proud of our Olympians. The talented men and women of Team USA represent almost every State and every background and range from 15 to 52 years of age. They are carrying on our Nation's proud Olympic tradition, which extends

back to the first modern games, held in Athens in 1896.

In the coming days, more than 500 American athletes will compete in some 28 sports. In stadiums around Athens and in living rooms here at home, millions of fans will cheer for Team USA. We will watch as our athletes set new records and create lasting memories, from the track to the pool to the gymnastics floor. And we will all be proud to see the Stars and Stripes rise when our fellow Americans win medals.

Success in the Olympics is not defined on the medal stand alone. For our athletes, a place on America's team is the culmination of years spent training and competing. They are proving that persistence and teamwork can help meet high goals. They are performing with honor, conducting themselves with humility, and serving as ambassadors of peace and good will to the entire world. By showing respect for every competitor, they are showing America's respect for the world, and they are inspiring us all.

In Greece, the Olympics are returning to their ancient birthplace and also to the birthplace of democracy. These games arrive at a challenging hour for the world, yet we have cause for great hope. At the opening ceremony, Team USA marched alongside men and women from Afghanistan and Iraq, nations that 4 years ago knew only tyranny and repression. Today, because the world acted with courage and moral clarity, those nations are free, and their athletes are competing in the Olympic Games.

The rise of freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq is transforming life in those nations, and its effect will spread far beyond their borders. For the first time in history, people everywhere will see women competitors wearing the uniform of Afghanistan. For the first time in decades, the world will see Iraqi Olympians free from the brutal punishment of the dictator's son. Twenty-nine athletes from Iraq are competing in Athens including the Iraqi soccer team, which thrilled the world by winning its first

game. One woman on the Iraqi track team described her outlook this way: "Someone who represents only herself has accomplished nothing. I want to represent my country."

That same spirit motivates athletes from nations around the world. By coming together in friendly competition, all Olympians are sending the message that freedom and hope are more powerful than terror and despair. As we watch our athletes compete in Athens, we also think about the many Americans deployed overseas to defend our Nation. In Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond, our men and women in uniform are serving with great skill and compassion. They are making America more secure, and America is grateful to all of them and to their families.

I look forward to following the Olympics over the next 2 weeks. I congratulate the coaches and athletes and families of Team USA and also the brave Paralympic athletes preparing to compete in Athens next month. I wish them all good luck in the games.

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 3:40 p.m. on August 13 at the Regent Beverly Wilshire in Los Angeles, CA, for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on August 14. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 13 but was embargoed for release until the broadcast. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

## Remarks in Sioux City, Iowa August 14, 2004

*The President.* Thank you all. Thank you all very much. Thanks for coming. I've got an interesting line of work, don't I. Yes, it's a line of work where you get introduced

by your wife. [*Laughter*] Thankfully, she said yes when I said, "Will you marry me?" What a great First Lady she is, a fabulous mom, and a wonderful wife. I'm going to