

This is the path to the culture of life that we seek for our country. And on its coldest days and one of our coldest days, I encourage you to take warmth and comfort from our history, which tells us that a movement that appeals to the noblest and most generous instincts of our fellow Americans and that is based on a sacred promise enshrined in our founding document, that this movement will not fail.

And so on this day of compassion, where warm hearts are confronting the cold

weather, I ask that God bless you for your dedication, and may God continue to bless our great country. And thank you for letting me share this moment with you, Nellie.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:11 p.m. from Camp David, MD, to march participants at the Ellipse in Washington, DC. In his remarks, he referred to Nellie J. Gray, president, March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

Statement on the Supplemental Budget Request *January 25, 2005*

When we decided to protect America from a gathering threat by removing Saddam Hussein from power, I made two fundamental pledges: First, our troops will have whatever they need to protect themselves and complete their mission; and second, the United States will stand with the Iraqi people and against the terrorists trying desperately to block democracy and the advance of human rights.

This supplemental budget request will fulfill these important pledges and again makes clear to terrorists that our resolve is firm and we will complete our mission.

Most of these funds will support American troops on the ground by continuing to provide them with the equipment and other supplies they need. The request also provides for the continued pursuit of Al Qaida and other terrorist elements in Afghanistan and elsewhere, while supporting the great progress Afghanistan has made

toward joining the community of free nations. And resources are included to accelerate efforts to train and equip Iraqi and Afghan forces so they can assume greater responsibility for their own security.

The supplemental also includes funding for other important priorities of American foreign policy, such as helping the Palestinian people build a democratic state, improving the economic and humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people, and bridging differences between Israelis and Palestinians.

I am grateful that Congress, in a strong bipartisan fashion, has consistently voted to support our troops, and I urge it to do so again.

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

The President's News Conference *January 26, 2005*

The President. Good morning. With the second term underway and a new Congress

at work, we're moving forward on great goals for our country. In my Inaugural Ad-