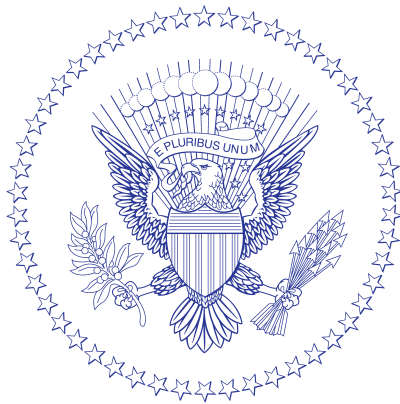


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Foreword

This volume collects my speeches and papers from the first 6 months of 2005. This was the start of my second term as President. It was also a time of peril and promise across the world.

As the year began, America continued to aid millions reeling from the historic tsunami that struck countries on the coast of the Indian Ocean on December 26, 2004. United States military assets—including the hospital ship USNS *Mercy*—moved to the region to aid in the recovery and rebuilding. The American people once again showed the good and compassionate heart of our Nation by contributing generously to relief efforts.

On January 20, I placed my hand on the Bible and took the Oath of Office for the second time. In my Inaugural Address, I set America toward a goal worthy of a great Nation: “to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.” I said that the only force of history that can break the reign of hatred and resentment is the force of human freedom. I further stated: “The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world.”

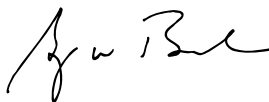
That same month, millions of Iraqis defied threats of violence to exercise their newly won right to vote in elections for the Iraqi National Assembly. The new Iraqi Assembly elected an interim prime minister and president, moving the country closer to the goal of becoming a stable democracy. Our men and women in uniform continued to help the people of Iraq—and Afghanistan as well—performing their duties with courage and honor. In April, it was my privilege to award the first Medal of Honor in the Global War on Terror to Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith, U.S. Army—a brave soldier from Tampa, Florida, who saved the life of his men by giving his own.

As we confronted challenges abroad, we also worked to address concerns here at home. In my State of the Union Message, I challenged the Congress to bolster America’s economic growth by making the tax cuts we passed permanent. I outlined my vision for immigration reform and border security, and I urged members of both parties to put political considerations aside to reform and strengthen the Social Security system. I said, “Social Security was a great moral success of the 20th century, and we must honor its great purposes in this new century. The system, however, on its current path, is headed toward bankruptcy. And so we must join together to strengthen and save Social Security.” In the ensuing months, I traveled across our country to make the case for steps to protect Social Security for our seniors and

for future generations. Unfortunately, the Congress did not heed this call, and I hope that a future Congress finds the courage to enact meaningful reform.

This was also a time when our Nation strengthened its relationships with our friends across the world. I met with two of our closest allies in the Western hemisphere—the leaders of Canada and Mexico—to discuss trade, immigration, and security. I welcomed leaders from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and the Palestinian Authority to discuss efforts to establish a lasting Middle East peace. I traveled to Rome to attend the funeral of one of the great world leaders of our age, a humble servant of God—Pope John Paul II. In June, I hosted a summit between the United States and our partners in the European Union, pledging to stop the proliferation of the world's most dangerous weapons and to work together to stop the advance of terrorism and extremism.

As the first 6 months of the year drew to a close, I was preparing for the G-8 summit in Scotland and outlining ambitious plans to combat malaria in Africa and provide better educational opportunities for African children; the United States and other nations were working with Afghans and Iraqis to continue the difficult work of transition to full and stable democracies; and our country remained vigilant against further attacks on our homeland.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. W. Bush". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Preface

This book contains the papers and speeches of the 43d President of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary during the period January 1–June 30, 2005. The material has been compiled and published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration.

The material is presented in chronological order, and the dates shown in the headings are the dates of the documents or events. In instances when the release date differs from the date of the document itself, that fact is shown in the textnote. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy: Remarks are checked against a tape recording, and signed documents are checked against the original. Textnotes and cross references have been provided by the editors for purposes of identification or clarity. At the request of the Office of the Press Secretary, the Bush property known as Prairie Chapel Ranch in Crawford, Texas, is referred to simply as the Bush Ranch. Speeches were delivered in Washington, DC, unless indicated. The times noted are local times. All materials that are printed full-text in the book have been indexed in the subject and name indexes, and listed in the document categories list.

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