

## Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran

March 13, 2006

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Iran emergency declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2005 (70 FR 12581).

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the

declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
March 13, 2006.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks Following a Meeting With Jason McElwain and an Exchange With Reporters in Rochester, New York

March 14, 2006

*The President.* First of all, it's great to be here in upstate New York. As you can see, a special person has greeted me at the airport.

Jason, mind if I call you J-Mac?

*Jason McElwain.* Yeah. [*Laughter*]

*The President.* I call him J-Mac. You call me George W. [*Laughter*]

But our country was captivated by an amazing story on the basketball court. I think it's a story of Coach Johnson's willingness to give a person a chance. It's a story of Dave and Debbie's deep love for their son, and it's a story of a young man who found his touch on the basketball court,

which in turn, touched the hearts of citizens all across the country.

So I want to thank you for being here. You probably didn't realize the impact you were going to have on people all across America and around the world when you made those six 3s in a row. I've kind of gotten off the courts these days because I'm getting old, but if I got back on the courts, I'd need a lesson—[*laughter*—on how to rotate that ball. But let me have that there, Coach.

*James Johnson.* Okay. There you go, sir. [*At this point, the President held a sign with Jason's picture.*]

*The President.* Thank you. There you go. Kind of looks like you.

Anyway, thank you all for coming. God bless. I appreciate the wonderful story that's come out of your family.

*Q.* Mr. President, how did you hear about the story, and what's your reaction?

*The President.* Saw it on TV. Saw it on TV, and I wept, just like a lot of other people. It's just one of those stories that touched a lot of people's heart.

*Q.* Did somebody play it for you, or did you just see it?

*The President.* I can't remember exactly how it happened. Probably somebody played it for me, you know, being the President and all. But it's a wonderful tale. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:50 a.m. at the Greater Rochester International Airport. In his remarks, he referred to Jason McElwain, an autistic student at Greece Athena High School who scored 20 points in his first varsity basketball game; and James Johnson, coach, Greece Athena High School boys basketball team.

## Remarks in a Discussion on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits in Canandaigua, New York March 14, 2006

*The President.* Thank you all. Be seated. Thank you all very much. Thanks for coming. Thanks for the warm welcome. Thanks for giving me a chance to come and talk to you about an important issue for our seniors.

Before I get started, though, I do want to thank the folks here at Canandaigua Academy for letting me come by to say hello. The assistant principal, John LaFave, kindly greeted me behind stage here. As I understand, some of the students are here in the room, and some are watching. I'm glad to provide you a convenient excuse to get out of class. [*Laughter*] I want to thank the superintendent, Steve Uebbing, for greeting me as well.

For all the teachers who are here and are paying attention to this, thanks for being a teacher. It's a noble profession. It's an important—it's really important. And speaking about teachers, I married one. [*Laughter*] She sends her love. Laura W. Bush is a unique woman who is obviously a patient woman. [*Laughter*] When I married her, she was a public school librarian who wasn't that much interested in politics.

Now she's the First Lady of the United States. And I'm proud to call her First Lady, and I love to call her wife. And she sends her love too.

I want to thank Randy Kuhl; he served with distinction in the United States Congress. He said, "Look, you've been in my district before; come back up here if you want to be with some just good, down-to-earth people that care about the future of the country." And one of the reasons I'm here is because of Randy's invitation.

I also want to thank Congressman Sherry Boehlert, right next door. I appreciate you being here. Mighty New York Yankee fan, I want you to know—[*laughter*]—fierce baseball—advocate for baseball. Plus, he's a good Congressman.

I want to thank Antonia Novello. Dr. Novello, where are you? She's here—oh, there you are. Good to see you. Appreciate you coming. She's the commissioner of health for the State of New York. I'm honored you're here. I'll tell old 41 I saw you. That's the number for my dad. See, he's the 41st President; I'm the 43d President, so—I'll tell him I saw you.