

Week Ending Friday, July 9, 2004

**Statement on the Death of  
Marlon Brando**

*July 2, 2004*

With the passing of Marlon Brando, America has lost a great actor of the stage and screen. His award-winning performances in films such as “On the Waterfront” and “The Godfather” demonstrated his outstanding talent and entertained millions across the country. Marlon Brando was one of the 20th century’s finest actors and will be missed by his many fans and admirers. Laura and I send our prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

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**Proclamation 7801—Returning the  
Flag of the United States to Full-Staff**

*July 2, 2004*

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

**A Proclamation**

By the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in honor and tribute to the memory of Ronald Reagan, it is hereby ordered that the flag of the United States shall be displayed at full-staff at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States beginning July 3, 2004. I also direct that beginning on that same date, the representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at full-staff over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the

Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

**George W. Bush**

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**The President’s Radio Address**

*July 3, 2004*

Good morning. As Americans gather this weekend to celebrate the Fourth of July, we can take pride in our country’s great history and look to the future with confidence. America remains a shining example to the world of all that free people can achieve. And our goal as a nation is to make sure that all Americans can share in the promise of our country.

Our economy is showing steady progress. We’ve completed our 10th consecutive month of job creation. We added 112,000 jobs in June and have added more than 1.5 million new jobs since last August. The unemployment rate has steadily declined, to 5.6 percent from 6.3 percent a year ago. With more jobs and lower unemployment, we are seeing rising consumer confidence, higher incomes, continued gains in the rate of homeownership, and a restored sense of opportunity.

Our strengthening economy is a tribute to millions of American entrepreneurs and workers. By their hard work and optimism, our Nation has overcome recession, terrorist attack, corporate scandals, and the many economic challenges that come in a time of war.

Our Government is also doing its part. With progrowth policies in Washington, we aim to encourage the hard work and optimism of our people. With tax relief, we are