

that every child has access to a good education. Athletes such as Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph and entertainers such as Ossie Davis and Ray Charles have brought pride and joy to generations of Americans. Today, the accomplishments of African Americans in every aspect of our society continue to encourage people to reach as far as their vision and dreams may take them.

African-American organizations have played a vital role in achieving justice and equal rights, and they have helped make communities across our country stronger and better. This year's theme of African American History Month, "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions," recognizes the African-American groups that have worked to confront injustices and expand opportunities. These organizations believe in the potential and worth of every person, and they have worked to help all Americans receive a quality education, to feed the hungry and house the homeless, to encourage youth to make healthy choices, and to reach out to others in need. By answering the call to love a neighbor as we would like to be loved ourselves, these groups have set a positive example, and we continue to be inspired by their compassion and service to others.

Working together, Federal, State, and local government, community organizations, and individual citizens will continue to foster hope and build a better tomorrow for all our children and grandchildren.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2006 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that honor the significant contributions African Americans have made to our Nation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United

States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

George W. Bush

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 21

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 22

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

January 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Topeka, KS, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Janet Dunn. He then traveled to Manhattan, KS.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of a soldier killed in Afghanistan. He then returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with members of the U.S. Walker Cup team.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a retirement dinner for Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

January 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Senator Norm Coleman of Minnesota and Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas, cochairs of the National Prayer Breakfast, to discuss preparations for the breakfast.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch

with Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz of Pakistan. Later, on the South Lawn, he participated in a photo opportunity with NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart and members of his racing team.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Gov. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas J. Barrett to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rajkumar Chellaraj to be Assistant Secretary of State for Administration.

The President announced his intention to appoint Margaret Louise Kripke as a member of the President's Cancer Panel (Scientist).

The President announced his intention to designate Mary K. Bush as chair of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Pristina, Kosovo, to attend the funeral of President Ibrahim Rugova of Kosovo on January 26: Alphonso R. Jackson (head of delegation); Philip S. Goldberg; and Frank Wisner.

January 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-elect Stephen Harper of Canada to congratulate him on his election victory. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Members of the Senate to discuss the war on terror and the strategy for victory in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency, he made remarks to employees. He then participated in a tour of the National Security Agency. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Tegucigalpa,

Honduras, to attend the Inauguration of President Jose Manuel Zelaya Rosales of Honduras on January 27: Alberto R. Gonzales (head of delegation); Charles A. Ford; Cresencio Arcos; Miguel A. Estrada; and Redmond James Hogan.

January 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from November 27–28, 2005.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from November 27–28, 2005.

January 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with the Senate Republican Conference to discuss legislative priorities.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Bob Schieffer of CBS News.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas P. D'Agostino to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs in the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Randall S. Kroszner to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the Fifth District.

The President announced his intention to nominate Boyd Kevin Rutherford to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture (Administration).

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin M. Warsh to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the Second District.

The President announced his intention to designate Mary M. Rose as Vice Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 25

Thomas J. Barrett,
of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation (new position).

Steven G. Bradbury,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Jack Landman Goldsmith III, resigned.

Vanessa Lynne Bryant,
of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut, vice Dominic J. Squatrito, retired.

Renee Marie Bumb,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey, vice William H. Walls, retired.

Michael A. Chagares,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, vice Michael Chertoff, resigned.

Rajkumar Chellaraj,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Administration), vice William A. Eaton, resigned.

Brian M. Cogan,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, vice Fred-
eric Block, retired.

Thomas M. Golden,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Franklin Van Antwerpen, elevated.

S. Pamela Gray,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the Dis-

trict of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Susan Rebecca Holmes, retired.

Andrew J. Guilford,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Dickran M. Tevrizian, Jr., retired.

Noel Lawrence Hillman,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey, vice William G. Bassler, retired.

Brett M. Kavanaugh,
of Maryland, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, vice Laurence H. Silberman, retired.

Gray Hampton Miller,
of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, vice Ewing Werlein, Jr., retired.

Richard T. Miller,
of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Richard T. Miller,
of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Susan Davis Wigenton,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey, vice John W. Bissell, retired.

Submitted January 27

Thomas P. D'Agostino,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Everett Beckner, resigned.

Randall S. Kroszner,
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System