

to display the gold star in their windows.” Each year, this observance is an opportunity to offer our solemn respect to Gold Star Mothers and renew our ongoing pledge that America will always remember those who died while wearing the uniform of the United States and forever honor their families’ sacrifice.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895 as amended), has designated the last Sunday in September as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in its observance. On this day, we express our deep gratitude to our Nation’s Gold Star Mothers, and we ask God’s blessings on them and on their families.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 24, 2006, as Gold Star Mother’s Day. I call upon all Government officials to display the flag of the United States over Government buildings on this solemn day. I also encourage the American people to display the flag and hold appropriate ceremonies as a public expression of our Nation’s sympathy and respect for our Gold Star Mothers.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 26.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Budget Amendments for the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding Office
September 20, 2006

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed FY 2007 Budget amendments for the

Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding Office in the Department of Homeland Security. The total discretionary budget authority in my FY 2007 Budget would not be increased by this request.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

Remarks at a Reception for Congressional Candidate Gus Bilirakis in Tampa, Florida

September 21, 2006

Gus, thanks. There’s nothing wrong with a son following in his father’s footsteps, particularly when you’ve got such a good son as Gus Bilirakis. *[Laughter]* He’s the right man for the United States Congress, and I appreciate you all coming to support him.

I’ve been looking for Brother. *[Laughter]* He claims he’s working. *[Laughter]* But I know he sends his best. He, like me, recognizes that Gus is the right man to serve you in the United States Congress. He really is. He’s a good, decent, honorable, family-oriented man who will represent the interests of the folks down here. So Jeb sends his best.

But more importantly, so does Laura. *[Laughter]* Like me, Gus married well—*[laughter]*—and it was my privilege to meet Eva and the four boys who are here. It’s good to see you guys. Thanks for coming. Thanks for helping Dad get elected. He’s going to need your help putting up those signs. And he’s going to need the help of a family standing with him. And that’s why it’s important to have people who go to Washington, DC, who have prioritized their families. And the Bilirakis is a family-oriented group of folks. They understand that families are important for a stable society, and I’m proud to be here with Gus and all his friends.

Thank you all for coming. It’s not easy to have a fundraiser this successful; it really isn’t. And I know how much work it took, Gus, to convince this many people for coming. It’s a good sign when you’re running for Congress, Gus, and you get this many people to stand up and say, “We’re willing to help