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Memorandum on Designation of the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council To Carry Out Certain Requirements of the America COMPETES Act

April 10, 2008

Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy

Subject: Designation of the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to Carry Out Certain Requirements of the America COMPETES Act

By the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 1006(e) of the America COMPETES Act (Public Law 110–69) (the "Act"), I hereby designate the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to carry out the responsibilities assigned to the Council on Innovation and Competitiveness in section 1006 of the Act.

The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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Proclamation 8237—National Crime Victims' Rights Week, 2008

April 11, 2008

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week we highlight our dedication to protecting and strengthening the rights of crime victims and their families.

My Administration is committed to providing services and resources for victims of crime so that they can find justice, hope, and healing in their lives. To assist victims of domestic violence and their children, my Family Justice Center Initiative established comprehensive support centers in communities across the country. Through the Justice for All Act of 2004, we expanded DNA testing and enhanced the scope and enforceability of crime victims' rights. In 2006, I signed into law the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act to expand the National Sex Offender Registry, increase Federal penalties for crimes against children, and protect our children while on the Internet. I also support a Crime Victims' Rights Amendment to the Constitution. Through these and other efforts, we can better protect our citizens and our communities.

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we recognize the advocates, counselors, and others who assist victims in their time of need, and the law enforcement personnel who work to bring offenders to justice. To learn more about victims' rights, Americans can visit www.crimevictims.gov. By working together, we can help protect crime victims and build a society that respects the life and value of every person.

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 April 13 through April 19, 2008, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. I encourage all Americans to promote awareness of victims' rights and advance this important cause.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

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.

April 5

In the morning, at the Westin Zagreb hotel in Zagreb, Croatia, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families. Later, he traveled to the Banski Dvori.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Vila Prekrizje. He then participated in a working lunch and a photo opportunity with future NATO leaders.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Sochi, Russia, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bocharov Ruchei, where they participated in a briefing on the 2014 Winter Olympic Games with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. They then participated in a social dinner and entertainment with President Putin. Later, they traveled to the Radisson SAS Lazurnaya Hotel.

April 6

In the morning, the President traveled to the Bocharov Ruchei.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a working lunch with President Vladimir Putin and President-elect Dmitry Medvedev of Russia. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

April 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to discuss the Colombia free trade agreement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter W. Bodde to be Ambassador to Malawi.

The President announced his intention to appoint David Steele Bohigian as a Commissioner-Observer on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The President announced his intention to appoint Richard F. Mangogna as Chief Information Officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edward A. Mueller as a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee and, upon appointment, designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint John T. Stankey as a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee and, upon appointment, designate him as Vice Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael W. Laphen, Thomas J. Lynch, and William A. Roper as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council: David J. Bronczek; Wesley Bush; Philip G. Heasley; D.M. Houston; David Kepler; James A. Reid; Matthew K. Rose; Michael J. Wallace; Greg Wells; John M. Williams, Jr.; and Martha B. Wyrsch.

The President announced his intention to designate Alfred R. Berkeley III as Vice Chairman of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

April 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with head coach Bill Self of the University of Kansas men's basketball team to congratulate him on the team's April 7 NCAA championship. Later, in the Library, he participated in an interview with EWTN Global Catholic Network on the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the 2008 White House News Photographers Association "Eyes of History" winners.

April 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the North Lawn,