

of Georgian citizens to reclaim their sovereignty and complete the journey to independence first begun in 1989 during the last days of the Soviet empire. These brave men and women, armed only with roses and the power of their convictions, stood up to claim liberty in their own country. Their actions began the Rose Revolution, inspiring those who believe in freedom and democratic reform around the world. In the two years since that peaceful revolution, the Georgian people have continued their contributions to freedom's cause and made significant progress in building a vibrant democracy.

The United States is committed to supporting democracy and the rule of law in Georgia and around the globe. I join all Americans in honoring the valiant Georgians who stood up against oppression and defended the right of all to be free. Your courage is an inspiration to those aspiring for freedom in their own land.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

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.

November 19

In the morning, in Busan, South Korea, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Westin Chosun Hotel, he met with President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia.

Later in the morning, at the Nurimaru APEC House, the President participated in the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the APEC official lunch. He then

participated in the APEC Leaders' Declaration.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Osan, South Korea. Later, they traveled to Beijing, China, arriving in the evening.

November 20

In the morning, at the Great Hall of the People, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony.

In the afternoon, at the Diaoyutai Guest House, the President had a working lunch with Premier Wen Jiabao of China. Later, at LaoShan Olympic Mountain Biking Training Center, he went mountain biking with Chinese Olympic athletes.

In the evening, at the Great Hall of the People, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with President Hu Jintao of China and his wife, Liu Yongqing.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Louisiana for the impacts of Hurricane Katrina from August 29 to November 1.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Mississippi for the impacts of Hurricane Katrina from August 29 to October 14.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Louisiana for the impacts of Hurricane Rita from September 23 to November 1.

November 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the St. Regis Hotel, he and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. Embassy personnel and their family members. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, at the Government House, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony. Later, he had separate meetings with President Nambaryn Enkhbayar and Prime Minister Tsakia Elbegdorj of Mongolia.

Later in the afternoon, in Ikh Tenger, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a cultural event. Later, at Buyant-Ukhaa Airport, they greeted U.S. Embassy personnel

and their family members. They then returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael L. Dominguez to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brafford R. Higgins to be Assistant Secretary of State (Resources Management) and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to designate Rudy Pamintuan as Chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and record and/or near record snow on October 4-6.

November 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

November 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel of Austria at the White House on December 8.

November 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had telephone conversations with members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

November 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 19

Transcripts of press briefings by NSC Senior Director for Asian Affairs Michael Green and Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economic Affairs Faryar Shirzad

Statement by the Press Secretary on Iraq and the war on terror

Fact sheet: APEC 2005

Fact sheet: United States Leadership on Avian Influenza

Excerpts of the President's remarks to troops

Released November 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on the President's visit to China

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 72, H.R. 2419, and H.R. 4326

Statements by the Press Secretary on additional disaster assistance to Louisiana

Statement by the Press Secretary on additional disaster assistance to Mississippi

Released November 21

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4133

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Dakota

Advance text of the President's remarks in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia