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PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: ASIAN/PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 6, 1992

I join you today in celebrating Asian/Pacific Heritage Month -- a month that marks the 14th year we, as a nation, have recognized the rich cultural heritage Americans of Asian and Pacific descent have brought to our country.

Clayton Fong
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While all Americans unite in the love of the freedom, independence, and democracy that our country offers, it is also appropriate that Americans celebrate and promote their diverse cultural backgrounds. It is such diversity that has written the story of America's success and given strength to the soul of this nation.

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I salute the more than 7 million Americans that make up the Asian/Pacific community -- a community that has enriched America's community -- socially, culturally, economically, and spiritually.

Spanish
growth
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speech

There is an ancient proverb that says: "Paths are made by walking." My friends, you have forged paths that have linked the proud heritage of your past with ~~your achievements of today and a future ripe with~~ ^{*the bright*} promise for tomorrow. And you have done so by embracing the deep-rooted values and principles of your culture: Family. Faith. A commitment to education. An abiding belief in work. And a love of freedom.

Your entrepreneurial spirit has opened up opportunities for all Americans -- contributing to economic growth, creating new jobs, and forging new free and open markets overseas.

For all you have contributed to this great country, I thank you. Yet I challenge you, too. Together, let us join with all Americans in making a path -- as the proverb says, by walking forward into the next century, leading our children and our grandchildren into a new era, bright with the promise of an America at its best and a world at peace.

Barbara joins me in wishing you a most successful and enjoyable month. God bless you all and the United States of America.

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April 29, 1992 2:00 p.m.
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MAY 11, 1992

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There is an ancient proverb that says: "Paths are made by walking." My friends, you have forged paths that have led to a ~~destination called excellence.~~ And you have done so by embracing the deep-rooted values and principles of your culture: Family. Faith. A commitment to education. An abiding belief in work. And a love of freedom.

something more concrete!

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Every day, your community impacts this nation. You are involved in so many ways, so many areas. Even in this administration.

This administration is open to the unique concerns of every group yet acts in the best interest of all the people. We have appointed Asian/Pacific Americans to higher ranking positions in a broader ranges of areas than any other administration.

John's family pearl → *very clever. Where's Waldo?*

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PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE TO ARMED FORCES
MAY 11, 1992

200 yrs ago, this country
~~The achievement of American independence more than 200 years ago was a landmark event in the history of freedom. The courage of those early patriots who secured liberty for future generations has lived on in you -- America's sons and daughters, who have so courageously served this nation in peace and~~
won a victory that proved it has resound[ed] down thru the centuries
~~conflict.~~
in W.M.

For more than two centuries, our ideals of democracy and individual rights have helped keep alight the torch of liberty. And hundreds of millions of people, both here and abroad, owe thanks to America's armed forces for your willingness to go in harm's way to defend the principles we hold dear.

This year, millions more have a new reason to be grateful to America's servicemen and women. Because of your dedication, we have weathered the long, ~~long~~ *of the lonely(?)* vigil to secure victory in the Cold War. Democracy is spreading into the furthest corners of the former communist world. I'm reminded of a proverb: "By wisdom peace, by peace plenty." Literally around the world, newly independent countries are embracing the freedoms and principles established by our forefathers some two centuries ago. Together, we join the peoples of this new freedom front in forging a path into ~~a~~ *a new world* next century -- ~~one~~ *we* enter with great promise for a true world at peace.

Book of quotes

As we approach this new era, your vigilance will remain a
cornerstone of our security. On behalf of all Americans, I want
to mark this Independence Day by thanking you for the sacrifices
you make for this nation.

Free Cy - willingly?
Happy Fourth of July to you and all your families. And may
God bless each and every one of you and this, the freest, most
blessed nation on Earth, the United States of America.

Privileges of the one who pays

30. He who pays the piper calls the tune.
31. Let him that pays the lawing choose the lodging. ["Lawing" means "reckoning"]

The mercenary

32. He that serves God for money, will serve the devil for better wages.
33. Virtue flies from the heart of a mercenary man.

See also BORROWING: *Repayment of debts*

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Its value

1. Where there is peace, God is.
2. To live peaceably with all breeds good blood.
3. Peace makes plenty ←
4. By wisdom peace, by peace plenty. ←
5. The secret wall of a town is peace.

War and peace

6. He that will not have peace, God gives him war.
7. If you want peace, you must prepare for war.
8. Clothe thee in war: arm thee in peace.
9. A just war is better than an unjust peace.
10. He that makes a good war, makes a good peace.
11. Better a lean peace than a fat victory.
12. Better an egg in peace than an ox in war.
13. War makes thieves, and peace hangs them.
14. Of all wars, peace is the end.
15. It is a great victory that comes without blood.

Making peace

16. The stick is the surest peacemaker. [The implication of this and the following proverbs is that peace can best be achieved by violence or by the threat of violence]
17. 'Tis safest making peace with sword in hand.
18. Weapons breed peace.
19. One sword keeps another in the sheath.

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Per Clayton Fong - OPL
Month of May Asian/Pacific Heritage Month
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Month of May all!

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engineers, artists
entrepreneurial spirit
American contributions to economy and jobs

- fastest growing community in the country per Census
- Diversity is strength of nation

• Freedom quote

- Asian/Pacific - sometimes
- Paying tribute to their Commitment
- Family values, education, tie in

I know that your community is diverse free markets
• Shared entrepreneurial spirit
• Asian/Pacific Heritage Month

Whether you've been here 5 weeks or 5 generations

- 14th Celebration
- 1989 - Asian Heritage Month

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to your group
concerns
yet acts
in best interests

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encouraging them to get more involved
I'm pleased to join you
in a broader range of areas and other things

Remarks by President Bush
Independence Day Message to Armed Forces

The achievement of American independence more than 200 years ago was a landmark event in the history of freedom. The courage of those early patriots who secured liberty for future generations has lived on in you, America's men and women in uniform, who have served this nation in peace and war.

For more than two centuries, our ideals of democracy and individual rights have helped keep alight the torch of liberty. And hundreds of millions of people, both here and abroad, owe thanks to America's armed forces for your willingness to go in harm's way to defend the principles we hold dear.

This year, millions more have a new reason to be grateful to America's servicemen and women. Because of your dedication and professionalism, we have weathered the long, long vigil to secure victory in the Cold War. Democracy is spreading into the furthest corners of the former communist world. And our Earth has entered a new and more hopeful era of freedom.

As we approach the new century, your vigilance will remain a cornerstone of our security. On behalf of all Americans, I want to mark this Independence Day by thanking you for the sacrifices you make for this nation and for the cause of freedom. God bless our great country.

to hold dear the rights that Americans alone recognized and cherished. And he wrote this: "Let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them." Fittingly, this was Jefferson's last letter. Ten days later, on the 50th anniversary of our independence, he died.

On the eve of this Fourth of July—and the 50th anniversary of this monument—let us express our undiminished devotion to the ideals of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt, ideals as towering and solid as the monument that honors them.

Thank you for this occasion. God bless the United States of America. And now I am proud to dedicate Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Note: The President spoke at 2:55 p.m. at the memorial. In his remarks, he referred to actor Jimmy Stewart; NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw and entertainer Mary Hart, who spoke; actors Barry Bostwick, Billy Dee Williams, Barbara Eden, and Jimmy Stewart, who gave tributes to the memorial; singer Johanna Meier, who sang the national anthem; Sioux Indian White Eagle, who sang "So Many Voices"; and entertainer Rosemary Clooney, who sang "America the Beautiful." Following the event, the President and Mrs. Bush took a nature hike, fished, and participated in a picnic. In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush departed for Springfield, MO.

Statement on the Environmental Protection Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty

July 3, 1991

Today, I am pleased to announce that the United States will sign an environmental protection protocol to the Antarctic treaty. The protection of the Antarctic environment is an important international responsibility, and I believe the environmental protection measures included in this protocol will ensure the protection of this natural resource for generations.

The new environmental measures will protect native species of Antarctic flora and

fauna and will place needed limits on tourism, waste disposal, and marine pollution. I strongly support these measures which are based on a U.S. initiative.

I also support the restrictions on mineral activity in the Antarctic, as provided for in this protocol. The alternative to our proposal offered in Madrid for lifting or amending the ban addresses our concerns and provides effective protection for Antarctica without foreclosing the options of future generations.

Radio Address to the Nation on the Observance of the Fourth of July

July 4, 1991

This is an extraordinary Independence Day, for with recent events still so sharply etched in our minds, we've rarely been more keenly aware of the utter supremacy and the frailty of independence.

Our view of freedom has changed since we last celebrated Independence Day for America, the finest, most loving nation on Earth, has been at war. Her sons and daughters stood watch on the parched desert and seas of the Gulf, bearing witness by their presence to the vision that compelled us. They added further luster to that vision by helping the victims of Saddam Hussein's aggression.

Throughout the long ordeal, America's people stood watch at home, our yellow-ribboned spirit telling that we believed in liberty, believed in ourselves. It was a scene our country has known before because, for 215 years, America has been pledged to defend for all people our forefathers' creed, that each person has the right to life, to liberty, and to the pursuit of happiness.

This Fourth of July is a day of celebration—a red, white, and blue day of barbecues and fireworks; of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women of the Gulf; of Vietnam; of all our national efforts to promote freedom and independence. But July 4, 1991, must also be something more: For all Americans, it must be a day of reflection and rededication.

Together we ask God to bless us. We ask God to guide us. And we pray that in the

example of those who stood strong so that others may live in freedom and peace, that this nation will renew the spirit of brotherhood and commitment that forms our national soul.

Note: The address was recorded at 11:05 a.m., May 20, in Room 459 of the Old Executive Office Building. It was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 4. In the address, President Bush referred to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Remarks to Community Members in Marshfield, Missouri July 4, 1991

Thank you all for that great welcome. What a pleasure to be here. Thank you all. May I say at the opening, Governor, one, thanks for that—please be seated here—not you guys—[laughter]—but may I say at the beginning of these remarks that Barbara and I are the ones that feel honored. We're the ones that feel welcome. We're the ones that feel touched on this very special day. And you can sense here the heartbeat not just of Missouri but the heartbeat of the entire United States of America. So, thank you for what you're doing on this Independence Day.

It is great to be with your Governor and his wife, Janet. Of course, to our great Senators, Senator Danforth, a man of commitment, freedom and equality; Senator Bond, the same who was also Governor of this State. Of course, we've got Congressman Mel Hancock with us who's doing a superb job for his country in the House of Representatives. And State representative Tommy McDonnell I met—the only guy I know that can still fit into his uniform, even though he served long ago. [Laughter] Mayor Plunkett, thank you, sir, and your wife, Kay, for your hospitality from the minute we climbed out of that gigantic limo over there. We've been right back to earth and feeling at home. Thank you, sir.

And to the commissioner that I met, Mr. Rost, and Leon Atkinson—delighted. I was glad to see marching in the parade another—several people I admire—Bill Web-

ster, the attorney general; Wendell Bailey, who modestly turned to the cameras and turned his back on those of us on the stage there, but we understand that. [Laughter] You see, I served with Wendell and I know him and I respect him. And then, of course, your own son, Roy Blunt, the secretary of state. Great to see him out there with his dad and everybody else.

And first, may I say on this special Fourth of July, where events like this—maybe not quite as good—are taking place all across this country, my special salute to those who have served their country in uniform now and in days gone by, with particular emphasis on those men and women who served with such distinction in Desert Storm. What a job they did for our nation.

Now, they tell me that the mayor, in addition to being mayor, is the fire chief around here. The story goes that someone asked Mayor Plunkett if his house were burning down and he could take one thing out with him, what would it be? He answered, "The fire, of course." I guess that explains why you've reelected him many times to mayor. [Laughter]

Now, I couldn't help but look at the field of flags, and I hope everybody will look around and see them—and they don't just fly on the Fourth of July here in Marshfield, they fly every day of the year, I'm told. And I am very proud, once again, very proud to be here to see them.

I understand that Marshfield has a long history of Fourth of July parades. Think back to the year 1850 and Marshfield's Fourth of July celebration that day. Foot races, fireworks, band concerts, ball games. And back in Washington, that was the fateful day that Zachary Taylor gobbled down those cherries with buttermilk. [Laughter] It's a little-known fact, not disproven by when they dug the poor guy up the other day and put him back—[laughter]—that his last words were, "Please pass the broccoli." [Laughter]

It is a thrill for Barbara and me to be celebrating "the glorious 4th" here in the Show-Me State. When we heard that we had a chance to come here and join you for one of the oldest Fourth of July celebrations in Missouri, we couldn't pass it up. Some people have called this "the best little town

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We live in Washington in the People's House—this magnificent White House. But when we were coming in we couldn't help but reminisce on the Fourths of July we spent in relatively small towns—Odessa, Texas, and Midland, Texas; the ball games in our town of Connecticut, and, of course, in Kennebunkport, Maine, a town about the size of this one. Seeing the kids on the bikes here as we came into that parade reminded us all of one thing, the importance of family, the importance of friends.

Times like this bring to mind President Eisenhower's thankfulness for "the rare and priceless privilege of growing up in a small town." These towns really do, as the Governor said, cultivate the kind of values that carried this country for over 200 years, ones like liberty and loyalty and ingenuity and independence. And through it all—you could catch this in the parade, the spirit of the people that greeted us—through it all, faith in God. We are "one nation under God" and we'll never forget it.

And so, I would say to my fellow Americans not with us today, you can find the American character right here in this square, on display, and every day in Marshfield, Missouri.

And I saw a sign back here about another man who is well-known to Missouri. I would also say, then, that you can find that same character in self-made Americans like our nominees to the Court, Judge Clarence Thomas, a man especially well-known to your great Senator, Senator Danforth, and to Governor Ashcroft and also to Kit, Judge Thomas says that when he was growing up—and here were his exact words—God, school, discipline, hard work, and right from wrong were of the highest priority.

You know, he spent a lot of his life in Missouri, first going to school here, then working as an assistant attorney general, as counsel to the Monsanto Company, and later as an aide to your Senator, Senator Danforth, before he went on to a distinguished career as a jurist.

So, let me just simply say, in response to the sign, in response to the feelings of many people in this great State, Clarence Thomas is a man of character and impeccable credentials, a model for all Americans. You see,

he will be a great Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

And yes, it is the Fourth of July. And today hundreds of relatives are in town, your mayor pointing out various manifestations of this as the parade went by; high school classmates back for reunions, old friends coming from other States to visit family here. Take a look at some of Marshfield's homegrown heroes—the devoted nurses at Webco Manor where we saw going by there a minute ago. What a job they do.

The fearless fire fighters, all volunteers like your own mayor, right here. The police men and women, some of them volunteers, too, on the beat day in and out. And certainly, thank God for the dedicated teachers here at Marshfield's schools and the surrounding schools.

But today, the town—and I can tell you as President of the United States—the whole Nation gathers to honor yet another group of heroes, and again, I am talking about the brave service men and women of Operation Desert Storm. While standing strong for American values, they liberated a nation abroad, a tiny nation halfway around the world and transformed a nation at home. You know, as Sergeant Richard Mann—I don't know if he is here today—with all of these people I'm not sure we would see him—but he put it this way—one known to many here: "I think God took a whole generation of Americans out in the desert and showed them a miracle." Well, I think Sergeant Mann was right, but the real miracle took place not in the sands of Kuwait; it unfolded in the American heart.

These young men and women went to the desert and brought honor to our nation, just as all veterans have done before them. There's something else wonderful—I hope you feel it in your community, but I sure feel it as I travel around this country—there's something else wonderful that's happened. Desert Storm has at last brought the recognition and honor to our sons and daughters who served in Vietnam. We finally have had a chance to tell them "thank you," and we're proud of them. And welcome home. A little late, but welcome home.

So, don't let them tell you there's anything wrong with our country. Together, we now stand ready for the next step in the American experience; together, we're facing just over the horizon the 21st century. And we are ready, for we are a nation of families and communities just like Marshfield. We're a decent people, a good people. We're a nation of parents and brothers and sisters and neighbors. And we know that our future lies right in the hands of kids like these, many of whom we saw go down this parade route, whether it's the outstanding teamwork or the Southwest Missouri Bears or the Lady Jays basketball team—[*applause*]-or Marshfield High, or your renowned high school band raising money to go to England and play for the Queen.

And you see, like you, Barbara and I believe in them, through all their childhood dreams and sometimes wild ideas. I'm reminded of a story of Mark Twain—true story—a man who had a weakness for new inventions. Over the years, he lost half a million dollars investing in various contraptions. Finally, he decided that he'd been gullible too often, and he resolved never to humor an inventor again. One day a gangly young man approached Twain. He was carrying a boxy-looking device. And Twain listened politely to the young man's pleas for help. He said, "Look, I'm just not interested." Well, looking dejected, the would-be inventor shuffled away. And Twain, perhaps feeling a pang of pity, cried out, "What did you say your name was again?" "Bell," was the reply, "Alexander Graham Bell." [*Laughter*]

Well, I expect that Mark Twain would be the first to say thank heavens someone else took a chance on the young man named Alexander Graham Bell. Thank heavens, that is, unless you have a teenager or a teenaged grandson who won't leave his invention alone.

But Bell saw an opportunity to make life better, and he seized it. Right here in Marshfield, you know what it takes to solve problems. And you're willing to take a chance. You know who you are: the volunteers who run your Head Start—you don't have a movie house here, maybe, but you've got a Head Start program—and I saw those little kids that you've given a chance walking by out here just a minute

ago. You've got people who didn't—Washington did it—who did it themselves creating child care centers—Temple Baptist and the Methodist Church, the parents and teachers who challenge your children's imaginations and stretch their minds.

Barbara and I have come here today because it's impossible not to feel at home in America's heart. By your example, your faith and your hard work, you are leading us—you may not put it in that perspective, but you are leading us into the next American century. By your hospitality, you made Barbara and me feel very much at home.

Thank you so very much for having us here today. We feel truly blessed, and may God bless each and every one of you. Have a happy Fourth, and may God bless the greatest and freest country on the face of the earth, the United States of America. Thank you all very much.

Note: The President spoke at 11:32 a.m. on the Webster County Courthouse lawn. In his remarks, he referred to Missouri Governor John Ashcroft, Senator Kit Bond, county commissioners Don Rost and Leon Atkinson, State attorney general William L. Webster, and State treasurer Wendell Bailey. Following his remarks, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Grand Rapids, MI.

Remarks to Community Members in Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 4, 1991

The President. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. And may I first—

Audience. USA, USA, USA—

The President. You're darn right.

Audience. USA, USA, USA—

The President. USA. Thank you, Governor Engler, Michelle; and Congressman Paul Henry and Karen; our mayor who we just heard from, Mayor Helmholdt. And thank you all, all of you, for making Barbara and me feel so at home on this marvelous 4th of July parade in Grand Rapids. It has been sensational. Thank you.

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men and women who served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield and were ready to go—[Applause]. But I think when we hear the words, "Fourth of July," we think of family—family at reunions, family at parades like we've just seen, and our American family, united in pride, united in patriotism, and the joy, the sheer joy of living in a great and prosperous land. We are very lucky to call America our home. And I think all those who served in Desert Storm helped us understand important things about ourselves and our country because I think we all realized that we belong to a great family, a fortunate family. As Americans, we share more than a magnificent land; we share values, we share commitments, we share experiences, beliefs, and challenges.

Even before the troops returned home, it was the Fourth of July in America again. Every one of us, every one of us feels proud to say, I am an American and I love my country. And let's not be embarrassed to say so.

A couple of months ago I asked every town to make this Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our troops. We are here, as the Governor said, to honor our troops and the people who have supported them through long nights and tense days. And also, we're here to thank the families and the neighbors and the friends. To every American who wore a yellow ribbon, wrote a letter, or baked a cookie or said a prayer—to every American who linked hands and hearts in hopes of helping the men and women who defended freedom overseas, America says, thank you to each and every one of you. You are in integral part of all of this.

I saw a sign on the parade, something saying, "War is not great." Of course, it's not great. We're not here to glorify war. Tragically, people sometimes must, though, shed blood to defend simple decency and justice. But we must never feel bashful about supporting the values that bind us or the commitment to freedom that makes America so very special, a land of dreams, a land revered and now respected by the rest of the entire world. And that's what it's all about.

And, look, loved ones did lose ones close to them. And victory does provide no com-

fort for war's victims. But today we can offer some solace to those whose loved ones fell in defense of principle. We can tell them, we want to thank your sons and daughters. We will never forget our fighting men and women of this war—or of all our wars—World War I, World War II, Korea, those who fought in Grenada, Panama, and the Gulf. And I take special pride today in seeing that in some wonderful and perhaps unseen way, what happened in Desert Storm—what you guys did—what happened there brought home long-overdue recognition and honor to those who served us in Vietnam.

So, I think today we celebrate the American character. Just look into the face of any soldier who dug in the desert sands or any sailor who stood watch on the dark, distant waters of the Gulf, the airmen—look into these faces and you'll see the American character. You'll understand the principles upon which this nation was founded are no more abstract than a heartbeat. They form the flesh and blood, the heart and soul of our nation.

I see the American character right here in Grand Rapids. You helped each other through Desert Storm. Your war experience summarized, in personal and moving ways, this nation's war experience.

From the beginning, you felt the war up close. Creston High grad Lieutenant Steven Harper was among the first—the first pilots in action over Iraq. The war hit home even more closely when your reservists left for the Gulf, citizen-soldiers from groups like the 180th Army National Guard from Grand Rapids and Greenville's 1073d ANG and your reservists from the 207th Evacuation Hospital. They helped care for those kids who were wounded in the Scud missile attacks. And I understand that in today's parade are families representing your other Reserve unit, Company A, 1st Battalion of the 24th Marines, which is still deployed overseas. Good, strong, decent men and women, all of them. They make us proud to be Americans. And God bless each and every one of them.

You know, some don't know this, but even the high-tech story of this war unfolded here. Every time we saw a helicopter or jet fighter or M-1 tank, or saw a tape of a

Tomahawk cruise missile or laser-guided bomb, we saw components produced by hard work right here in the Grand Rapids area.

And yes, and more somberly, the war inflicted grief here, too. The Edwards family—Gayle, Bennett, Spencer, Adriane—we shared your pain when Jack became the first Gulf war casualty buried at Arlington. The entire Nation poured out condolences in letters addressed simply—they came in this way: “Gayle Edwards, Grand Rapids.” What a tribute to a courageous family.

And so, for Barbara and me, to walk these streets is to feel the pulse of America. A couple of months ago, thousands of you rallied at Veterans Memorial Park, in a sea of red, white, and blue—and yes, yellow—yellow ribbons that joined the Nation’s hearts, and really, for those of you that were overseas, were unifying the American family. The yellow of the ribbons worn by the kids from Lee High and Middle Schools. The yellow of the lapel pins that your policemen made for this county’s officers. The spirit of Grand Rapids is and was the spirit of America.

So, in that spirit—the spirit of brotherhood, devoid of all arrogance and gloating, the spirit of compassion and pride—let’s celebrate this Independence Day. Let’s rejoice in the gift of every day being able to live life and pursue happiness in our freedom’s first and finest home.

The troops of Desert Storm not only rescued a nation abroad, they transformed a nation at home. Now let’s use our strength and our credibility to take on challenges here at home. We can make our schools the best in the entire world, and we will. We can restore order to our streets, and we will. And we can build a society, as the Governor said, in which people who want to work will have opportunities, in which people who seek to build a just society will conquer the divisive forces of prejudice, and we will build that society. We owe it to the generation to come.

If we didn’t know it before Desert Storm, we know now: Nothing can stop us. So, let’s all of us—you and me, your family, our family—let’s make this America the best that it can possibly be.

Listen to the American spirit expressed in a letter to me from a Michigan teacher,

Martha Williams—here’s what she wrote: “I try to teach my young people that freedom isn’t free, that its price is dedication to an ideal, and sometimes its price is sacrifice. My classroom theme is ‘answering the call’—in civilian life as well as military—in everyday humble contributions as well as heroic, notable efforts.”

Well, you know something? Martha’s right. The American spirit of service—service to each other and to good and bright ideals—made our nation great. It will keep our nation great. And that spirit—if I take away anything else, it’s the feeling that that spirit thrives right here in Grand Rapids. You can see it. You can feel it. You can be proud of it. I know I am.

I am very proud, and I know I speak confidently for Barbara, which I do not always do—[laughter]—when I tell you that we are very proud, indeed, to share this special day.

And now may we say thank you, God bless you all, and God bless this freest, fairest, greatest country on the face of the Earth, the United States of America. Thank you all. Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 5:41 p.m. on the parade route in front of the City Council Building. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. John Engler of Michigan and his wife, Michelle, and Congressman Paul B. Henry and his wife, Karen. Following his remarks, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

Points of Light Recognition Program

The President named the following individuals and institutions as exemplars of his commitment to making community service central to the life and work of every American.

June 29

John Sullivan, James Jolley, and Joseph Dolan, of Fairfield and Bridgeport, CT

July 1

John Smith, of Oklahoma City, OK

REMARKS HIGHLIGHTING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

I would like to extend his ^{greetings} ~~warmth~~ and best wishes ~~for a success~~

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the President, ^{and} thank you ~~for the opportunity to talk with you today.~~ I am honored to share with you my insights during this historic month, because, as you know, this marks ^{the} ~~for~~ 14th consecutive year we have ^{observed} ~~in national celebrations~~ recognized our Asian Pacific American Heritage. ^{Extended to a} ~~month-long celebration by President Bush,~~ this is a time for all ^{through coordinated observances throughout} ~~the~~ Asian Americans to reflect on our accomplishments and contributions to this great country. ~~So I am truly delighted to be with you today.~~

For the past three years, I have had the distinct privilege of working for President Bush. As an Asian American, I ^{am especially} ~~say this~~ ^{is a} ~~privilege~~ because I know first hand that President Bush knows much about and is deeply committed to the Asian American community.

^{during the past three years I have come to realize the}
In fact, I ^{can proudly say that no past president has known} ~~can proudly say that no past president has known~~ ^{dept of knowledge and sensitivity the president has possesses regarding asia and pacific} ~~Asia and the Pacific better than George Bush.~~ For nearly fifty ^{is leaders} years -- beginning with the Second World War when he served in the Pacific as the Navy's youngest pilot -- President Bush has been involved and interacting with the peoples and cultures of this region. His experience as a Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in China, C.I.A. Director, and Vice President of the United States has given him more knowledge of this region that any President or national leader in our history.

For you and me, this knowledge has translated into important recognition. He has, for example, appointed more Asians to top Administration positions than any other president. And Asians hold higher ranking positions than ever before. President Bush has appointed the first Asian Ambassador and the first Deputy Secretary of a Cabinet department. And three independent agencies have Asian women in charge [SBA, Peace Corps, CFTC], with dozens of other superbly qualified Asian Americans serving the Bush Administration in other important roles.

We can also recognize that, more importantly, George Bush stands for the same values and principles that we as a community do: family, faith, hard work, merit, education, entrepreneurialism, and community service. We see this exemplified in the man, in his family and his wonderful wife Barbara, and in his policies and programs. These pillars have made the Asian American community prosperous and successful by any measure.

This leads me to my topic for today: the Asian American community looks to the future. This is important, because while economically we Asians have been successful, politically we are at a crossroads. Quiet and hard-working, we have often shunned the public limelight in the past. Now, however, the Asian community is coming of age. We are becoming full participants in the decision-making process, and I believe we are poised to have an even greater impact on decisions that affect our everyday lives. Our impact can be seen, again, in the record number of Asian appointments this President has made.

Beyond appointments, however, lies the realization that in order to impact the issues we care about -- education, honest government, free trade, free enterprise and so on -- we must be more involved in mainstream politics.

As a community, more of us must register to vote and participate in the election process. Individually, we must take a stand for a candidate or an issue. Collectively, the community must find common ground and stay united.

You are probably thinking that the Asian community is so diverse, how can we possibly all agree on any one set of issues. Well, at least let me start the dialogue with five issues I believe we should all agree upon...

**--FREE TRADE, ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT, THE ASIAN
CONSUMER, EDUCATION AND QUOTAS.**

**REGARDING FREE TRADE, WE NOW LIVE IN A WORLD
WHERE THE DISTANCE ACROSS OCEANS IS SHORTENED
AND THE WALLS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST ARE
CRUMBLING.**

**MARKET ECONOMIES ARE RISING FROM THE RUBBLE OF
COMMUNIST COMMAND ECONOMIES. INCREASINGLY WE
ARE BECOMING A GLOBAL MARKETPLACE WHERE FREE
TRADE IS NOT ONLY DESIRABLE, BUT VITAL. LAST YEAR
UNITED STATES EXPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR 80% OF OUR
ECONOMIC GROWTH.**

ASIAN AMERICANS ARE UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING GOODWILL AND DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AND UNDERSTANDING WITH OUR ASIAN COUNTERPARTS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

ADDITIONALLY, FREE TRADE MEANS MORE COMPETITION, LOWER PRICES AND GREATER VARIETY AND QUALITY FOR THE CONSUMER. CONSEQUENTLY, WE MUST SAY NO TO THE SHORT-SIGHTED TEMPTATIONS OF ISOLATIONISM. WE MUST ALSO SAY NO TO AN UGLY BY PRODUCT OF PROTECTIONIST RHETORIC.

TOO OFTEN, THE PROTECTIONIST DRUM BEAT TAKES THE FORM OF JAPAN BASHING WHICH UNFORTUNATELY, ADDS FUEL TO THE FIRE OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT IN NARROW BUT VOCAL SEGMENTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. MOVING FROM THE GLOBAL ISSUE OF FREE TRADE, LET'S ADDRESS SOMETHING CLOSER TO HOME.

THE ASIAN AMERICAN AS A CONSUMER. THE 1990 CENSUS INDICATES THAT THE ASIAN POPULATION IN THE U.S. GREW FASTER THAN ANY OTHER GROUP, AND WE HAVE THE HIGHEST MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME AND THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGE GRADUATES. WE ARE THEREFORE A VERY ATTRACTIVE CONSUMER MARKET.

TO QUOTE FROM A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE (MAY 6, 1991) "SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS WHO DON'T TRY TO REACH ASIAN AMERICANS ARE MISSING OUT ON A CHANCE TO DEAL WITH THE FASTEST-GROWING, MOST EDUCATED AND MOST AFFLUENT ETHNIC GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES..."

YET RECENT SURVEYS INDICATE THAT MINORITY GROUPS, INCLUDING ASIAN AMERICANS, ^{often} LACK EVEN BASIC CONSUMER EDUCATION INFORMATION. CONSEQUENTLY WE ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO CON ARTISTS AND FRAUDS AND WE ARE LESS LIKELY TO MAXIMIZE OUR SPENDING DOLLAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO WORK WITH MY OFFICE, THE U.S. OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE CONSUMER EDUCATION IN THE ASIAN COMMUNITY.

~~AT THE SAME TIME~~ WE MUST HELP AMERICA'S BUSINESS UNDERSTAND, APPRECIATE AND ADDRESS THE FAST GROWING AND AFFLUENT ASIAN-AMERICAN CONSUMER MARKET. ANOTHER ARTICLE, THIS ONE FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL MAKES THIS POINT.

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August 23, 1991

**"ASIAN-AMERICANS CONSTITUTE THE MOST AFFLUENT
MINORITY IN THE U.S., AND THEY ARE SEEN AS
EXTREMELY BRAND-LOYAL. BUT NATIONAL MARKETERS
HAVE LARGELY IGNORED THIS SEGMENT, SQUANDERING
THE OPPORTUNITY TO COURT ASIAN-AMERICANS IN THE
WAY THEY HAVE TARGETED BLACKS AND HISPANICS."**

**INCREASINGLY, THE ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATION IS A
GROUP TO BE RECKONED WITH AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
INCREASING CONSUMER EDUCATION AND CULTIVATING
CORPORATE AWARENESS EFFECTIVELY.**

Education
instilling the value of education
is at the bedrock of success in the Asian
Community

**THE PRESIDENT AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY
BOTH RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF
EDUCATION TO SUCCESSFUL CITIZENSHIP. THE
PRESIDENT'S AMERICA 2000 INITIATIVE EMPHASIZES THE
ABILITY OF PARENTS TO CHOOSE THE EDUCATION BEST
SUITED TO THEIR CHILDREN'S NEEDS,**

It calls for

**THAT GOALS AND STANDARDS BE ~~ESTABLISHED~~ TO
ENCOURAGE HIGH ACHIEVEMENT, AND THAT SCHOOLS
AND TEACHERS BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE
ATTAINMENT LEVELS OF THEIR STUDENTS.**

**I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THESE GOALS
COMPLEMENT THE ASIAN PHILOSOPHY THAT EDUCATION
IS PARAMOUNT TO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.**

**THROUGH AMERICA 2000, PRESIDENT BUSH WILL IMPROVE
THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND
SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE IS SOMETHING ON WHICH I
BELIEVE THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMUNITY CAN
ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE.**

THE LAST ISSUE I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IS ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS - QUOTAS. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHERE WE AS A COMMUNITY FIND OURSELVES IN A DILEMMA. THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, HAS BEEN A LONG AND ARDUOUS FIGHT.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE TIME WHEN CHINESE IN AMERICA WERE DENIED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE COULD NOT VOTE AND COULD NOT EVEN OWN LAND. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS TEMPTING TO AGREE WITH QUOTAS AS A WAY TO REDRESS PAST DISCRIMINATION.

HOWEVER, I WOULD DIFFER BASED ON TWO POINTS. THE FIRST, OUR CULTURE HAS INSTILLED IN US THE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF THAT HARD WORK, EDUCATION AND MERIT ARE THE BASIS OF FUTURE SUCCESS. QUOTAS, VERY SIMPLY, MAKE A MOCKERY OF THESE CORE BELIEFS.

EVEN FROM A SELF INTERESTED PERSPECTIVE, THE ASIAN COMMUNITY DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM QUOTAS. WE ARE KNOWN AS OVER ACHIEVERS WHO TEND TO BE OVER-REPRESENTED AND NOT UNDER-REPRESENTED. COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ARE A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN
THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP *Thompson*
SHOWS THAT WE CAN FIGHT DISCRIMINATION WITH
UNWAVERING DILIGENCE, WHILE STOPPING SHORT OF
IMPOSING QUOTAS WHICH ARE, IN EFFECT, REVERSE
DISCRIMINATION.

ALLOW ME TO CLOSE BY QUOTING A FRIEND AND A MAN
FOR WHOM I WORKED FOR FIVE YEARS. GOVERNOR
GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN OF CALIFORNIA. "THANK GOD WE
LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO
NURTURE OUR SPECIAL HERITAGE AND PASS IT ON TO OUR
CHILDREN -

AND AT THE SAME TIME, BECOME FULL PARTICIPANTS IN
THE AMERICAN DREAM.

I'M NOT SUGGESTING OUR COUNTRY IS PERFECT.

VESTIGES OF DISCRIMINATION REMAIN. TOO MANY
CHILDREN ARE STILL DENIED A FULL AND EQUAL CHANCE
TO SUCCEED AND EXCEL.

BUT LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR AMERICA'S BLESSINGS OF
FREEDOM, FAMILY, FAITH, AND OPPORTUNITY. AND LET'S
DRAW UPON THESE STRENGTHS TO MARCH BOLDLY
AHEAD AND SCALE NEW PEAKS OF EXCELLENCE.

**WITH FREEDOM AS OUR GIFT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
AS OUR GOAL, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF
UNITY AND RESPECT. LET'S GO FOR THE GOLD AGAIN, AND
THIS TIME LET'S NOT LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND."**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.