



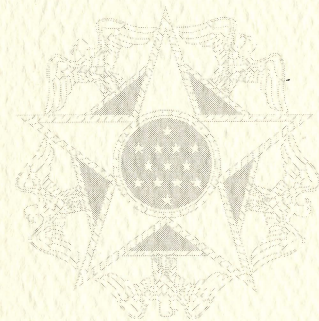
THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

welcome you to

THE WHITE HOUSE

*on the occasion
of the presentation of the*

PRESIDENTIAL
MEDAL OF FREEDOM



Tuesday, July 9, 2002

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian award of our Government. It is awarded by the President of the United States to those persons whom he deems to have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors. The Medal may be awarded to citizens of other nations and may be awarded posthumously.



THE RECIPIENTS

Henry "Hank" Aaron

William Henry Cosby, Jr.

Plácido Domingo

Peter Ferdinand Drucker

Katharine Graham

Donald A. Henderson

Irving Kristol

Nelson R. Mandela

Gordon E. Moore

Nancy Reagan

Fred McFeely Rogers

A. M. Rosenthal

HENRY "HANK" AARON

Hank Aaron's commitment to excellence in sports and in life has inspired generations of Americans. Driven by a desire to be the best, Hank Aaron overcame barriers of racism to achieve a remarkable record of success in professional baseball. His contributions to baseball, both on and off the field, and to our country teach us the power of a determined heart and remind us that every person deserves the freedom to reach his or her potential. The United States honors one of America's baseball greats who embodies the true spirit of our Nation.



WILLIAM HENRY COSBY, JR.

As a gifted comedian, actor, and author, Bill Cosby has entertained millions around the world with his wit, creativity, and warmth. As the first African American to star in a dramatic television series, he helped open doors for succeeding generations of outstanding black artists, while serving as an inspiration to all. From television to film, from stand-up comedy to best-selling books, Bill Cosby's good-natured humor has always appealed to our common humanity, helping to bring people together through laughter. The United States proudly honors this truly outstanding American.



PLÁCIDO DOMINGO

For over 40 years, Plácido Domingo has delighted audiences, and he has become one of the most decorated and honored artists of our time. As an opera singer, conductor, artistic director, mentor, and administrator, Plácido Domingo has set a standard of excellence, inspiring millions of people around the world. His remarkable achievements in opera, concert music, education, and philanthropy reflect an enduring dedication to aesthetic beauty and community enrichment. The United States honors his extraordinary contributions to our Nation.



PETER FERDINAND DRUCKER

Renowned as a brilliant writer, teacher, and consultant, Peter Drucker for decades has been a champion for concepts such as privatization and management by objective. His innovative thinking and groundbreaking insights have helped many business, government, and nonprofit organizations to succeed. His current efforts include advising churches and other faith-based organizations. Peter Drucker's prolific writings have greatly benefitted our Nation and significantly influenced the shape of our society and the modern business world. The United States honors his extraordinary accomplishments.



KATHARINE GRAHAM

As publisher of an internationally acclaimed and widely respected newspaper, Katharine Graham dedicated her life to the freedom and integrity of the press and the betterment of her country and community. A decisive leader and role model, she successfully guided *The Washington Post* to its position of journalistic excellence. Her perseverance through adversity, her commitment to a free press, and her warm and gracious spirit have left an inspiring legacy to her family, to her profession, and to the Nation. The United States honors the extraordinary life of this distinguished American.



DONALD A. HENDERSON

Donald A. Henderson's outstanding contributions to science, medicine, and humanity have helped end the threat of one of history's great killers—smallpox. His work with the World Health Organization (WHO) on the worldwide eradication of smallpox and his important efforts to initiate the WHO's global immunization program have helped save countless lives. Donald Henderson's extraordinary commitment to the well-being of others reflects the best of the American spirit and exemplifies his leadership and compassion. The United States honors this great scientist, public servant, and humanitarian.



IRVING KRISTOL

A towering intellectual leader for more than 50 years, Irving Kristol has helped shape American social thought. Noted as a brilliant writer of remarkable insight and great wit, he profoundly improved public discourse on the ideas he championed. Always original, provocative, and practical, Irving Kristol transformed political debate on every subject he approached—from economics to religion, from social welfare to foreign policy. America honors this fearless thinker, teacher, path-breaking editor, and master essayist.



NELSON R. MANDELA

Long ago, Nelson Mandela committed his life to the principles of freedom and opportunity for all. His powerful and enduring struggle to end Apartheid inspired people around the world to recognize and resist oppression. After being granted his freedom, he became the first democratically elected State President of South Africa. President Mandela remains today a beacon of hope for the oppressed and a symbol of triumph for those who love freedom, peace, and equality. The United States honors Nelson Mandela for his profound achievements as a statesman, teacher, and leader.



GORDON E. MOORE

Gordon Moore's trailblazing technological contributions changed our Nation and the world. His leadership in transistor and microchip innovations helped create an industry and transformed modern society. His prediction of the increase in power and decrease in cost of the silicon chip drove advancements in the computer industry. His vision and his tireless efforts helped revolutionize computer technology and changed the way we work, communicate, and learn. The world has been changed irrevocably for the better by Gordon Moore and the information revolution he helped inspire. The United States honors him for his dedication to technology, philanthropy, and conservation.



NANCY REAGAN

Nancy Reagan has dedicated her life to family and Nation. As First Lady, she campaigned for the drug-free youth initiative, helped greatly in the success of the Foster Grandparent program, and served as a strong advocate for the arts. The remarkable and enduring love shared by President Reagan and Nancy Reagan is a lasting example of the blessing of a marriage partnership founded on commitment and self-sacrifice. A great source of strength for her husband and an inspiration to countless Americans, the United States honors this beloved First Lady for her service and many contributions to our country.



FRED MCFEELY ROGERS

Fred Rogers has entertained and educated children for more than 30 years through his extraordinary public television program, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." His program helps children understand caring, safety, and respect for others, and his legendary commitment to young people has been an enriching part of American life. The United States honors Fred Rogers for his dedication to the well-being of children, his faith, his family, and his community, and for a career that demonstrates the importance of kindness, compassion, and learning.



A. M. ROSENTHAL

As a reporter, columnist, and managing editor of *The New York Times*, A. M. Rosenthal has dedicated his life to the pursuit and publication of truth and to preserving freedom of speech. During the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, he helped teach America the wrong in remaining silent; and he has tirelessly worked to protect religious minorities from persecution around the world. Through his writings, he continues to educate and enlighten countless readers. The United States honors A. M. Rosenthal for his dedication to excellence and freedom.



