



CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

in honor of

**HIS HOLINESS
THE 14TH DALAI LAMA OF TIBET
TENZIN GYATSO**

The Rotunda
United States Capitol
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
1:00 p.m.

*"World peace must develop from inner peace.
Peace is not the absence of violence.
Peace is the manifestation of human compassion."*

— His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet,
Tenzin Gyatso

Program

Prelude

The United States Air Force Strings

Welcome

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

Presentation of the Colors

The United States Armed Forces Color Guard

National Anthem

Mr. J. Mark McVey, Broadway concert artist

Invocation

The Reverend Barry Black, *Chaplain of the United States Senate*

Remarks on the Resolution

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Tom Lantos, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, *United States Senate*

Musical Selection

The United States Air Force Strings

Remarks

Mr. Elie Wiesel, *Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University,
Nobel Peace Laureate*

The Honorable John Boehner, *Republican Leader of the United States
House of Representatives*

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, *Republican Leader of the United States Senate*

The Honorable Harry Reid, *Majority Leader of the United States Senate*

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable George W. Bush, *The President of the United States*

Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, *President pro tempore of the United States Senate*

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable George W. Bush, *The President of the United States*

Acceptance and Word of Thanks

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso

Benediction

The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, *Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives*

The Congressional Gold Medal is the most distinguished award bestowed by the United States Congress. It is the nation's top civilian award presented to those individuals that embody the best quality in America's heritage. Before it can be awarded, legislation must be approved by Congress and signed into law by the President. Congress first awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to George Washington in 1776.
