

Statement on the Death of Mother Teresa

September 5, 1997

With the passing of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the world has lost one of the giants of our time. She gave comfort to the poor, the suffering, and the dying, and served as an inspiration and a challenge to all of us.

Hers was a ministry of action—of passion and compassion. She led by serving, and showed us the stunning power of simple humility. Her unconquerable faith touched the lives of millions of people in India, here in the United States, and all around the world. I had the pleasure of meeting Mother Teresa when she came to Washington, and I was moved by her conviction and courage. Hillary had the privilege of working with Mother Teresa and her community to open a home for abandoned babies in Washington, and later Hillary and Chelsea had the opportunity to witness firsthand the work of Mother Teresa and her community in India.

The home for the dying she opened in Calcutta almost a half century ago is called Nirmal Hriday—"pure heart"—and if ever there was a pure heart, it was hers. Mother Teresa is gone, but as the Gospels teach us, these things endure: faith, hope, and love. She had them in abundance. They will stay with us always.

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.

September 2

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara K. Bodine to be Ambassador to Yemen.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mayor Cardell Cooper of East Orange, NJ, to be Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel Fried to be Ambassador to Poland.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jane G. Gould to serve as Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard J. Griffin to be Inspector General at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate B. Lynn Pascoe for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julia V. Taft to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeanette C. Takamura to serve as Assistant Secretary for Aging at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced the recess appointment of Tadd Johnson as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission at the Department of the Interior.

September 3

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn Walt Hall to be Ambassador to Austria.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Timothy Johnson to be the Head of the U.S. Delegation to the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tom McDonald to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward E. Schumaker III to be Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles R. Lee as Chair and Van B. Honeycutt as a member of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

September 4

The President announced his intention to nominate Stanley T. Escudero to be Ambassador to Azerbaijan.