

U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP COALITION

**TRIBUTE DINNER
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VIDEO REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

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PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH: Laura and I send our greetings to all those in attendance tonight at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Tribute Dinner. We join you in congratulating tonight's honorees and two fine patriots, Tom Ridge and Madeleine Albright.

Tom Ridge has dedicated decades of his life to the service of our country, including as a decorated Army soldier, a United States congressman and governor of Pennsylvania. When I established the White House Office of Homeland Security after September the 11th, I knew immediately that Tom Ridge was the right man for the assignment. He did an outstanding job. So I appointed him as the first secretary of homeland security.

Thanks to his leadership, America is more secure and our government is better prepared to protect our people. I appreciate the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition for your commitment to a better, safer world. And I thank you for recognizing such fine Americans tonight. Congratulations, Tom. Laura and I send our best to you and Michele. Good evening and may God bless you all. (Applause.)

(End video segment.)