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Medal of Freedom Citation

to

ANNE LEGENDRE
ARMSTRONG

Since her earliest days in grassroots politics, Anne Armstrong has been an intrepid fighter for the cause of freedom and liberty, and against the intrusions of big government. Her great talents and capacity for work catapulted her onto the national political scene, where she has served her party and Nation with distinction, holding high offices in both. Her great skill and unstinting effort in the service of her country have earned her the gratitude of her Nation.

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to

JUSTIN DART

A leading entrepreneur, Justin Dart has made vital contributions to America that will long be remembered. Considered a revolutionary by his trade, he was already head of the largest drug company in the world at the age of 35, and his sure hand would soon transform the business. Justin Dart became a leading force in politics and an advisor to the President, valued not only for his business acumen, but his courageous championing of political and economic liberty. Justin Dart's life stands as eloquent testimony to the creative force of freedom.

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to

DANNY KAYE

An entertainer, humanitarian, and an individual who lifted the spirit of his fellow countrymen. His enthusiasm for life infected all who saw him. He spread laughter and good will, touching the hearts of people throughout the world, especially young people. He was a true professional, a star of film, stage, television, and radio. His dedication to helping less fortunate children is also remembered. Danny Kaye was a good man, a pro who cared, an example of the best in America's soul.

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to

LYMAN L. LEMNITZER

A brave and dedicated military officer, who served our Nation in peace and war. General Lemnitzer's skill as a tactician, planner, and negotiator was instrumental in the Second World War. He fought in Korea, served as U.S. Commander-in-Chief in Europe, and eventually became the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His life has been one marked by high military skill and unselfish devotion to country.

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to

JOHN A. McCONE

As Director of Central Intelligence between 1961 and 1965, John A. McCone guided our Nation's intelligence community through some of its most difficult hours. He strengthened the Nation's critical capacity for effective intelligence operations, maintained the intelligence community's reputation for unbiased analysis, and played an active role in policy debates. Integrity, patriotism: these qualities have marked his long and distinguished service to our Nation.

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to
FREDERICK D. PATTERSON

For five decades, as president and president emeritus of Tuskegee Institute, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson has been one of America's outstanding educators. He is also the founder of the United Negro College Fund and the College Endowment Funding Plan, and through these, he has helped finance excellence throughout America's community of historically black colleges. By his inspiring example of personal excellence and unselfish dedication, he has taught the Nation that, in this land of freedom, no mind should go to waste.

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to
NATHAN PERLMUTTER

In *Diary of a Cancer Patient*, Nathan Perlmutter wrote: "Funny . . . what I feel I've accomplished. I married the prettiest girl. I made it to Marine infantry officer, wrote a few books, and became director of the [Anti-Defamation League]." That casual, self-deprecating voice is the voice of a hero. For Mr. Perlmutter has made it his life's work to champion human dignity. He is a hero indeed—a hero of the human spirit.

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to
MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH

Mstislav Rostropovich once jokingly asked his mother why she had carried him longer than the usual nine months. Slava, she answered, to give you such beautiful hands. Performing, teaching, and conducting, the beautiful hands of Mstislav Rostropovich have shared with millions his passion for music—especially the music of the homeland he has never ceased to love. He is a virtuoso not only of music, but of heart and mind as well.

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to

WILLIAM B. WALSH, M.D.

Dr. William B. Walsh has spent a lifetime giving hope to others. For 14 years in ports around the world, millions cheered the ship that Dr. Walsh's dreams launched, the S.S. Hope. Medical care and training—these were the Hope's cargo, together with a message of good will from all Americans. Today Project Hope has stepped ashore. Dr. Walsh is reaching people wherever there is need and as always is giving of himself so that others might find hope. He is a credit to his profession and his country.

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to

MEREDITH WILLSON

Our country knows Meredith Willson as the composer/lyricist whose musicals and songs captured the joy and innocence of America. Meredith Willson's career embraced the musical life of his Nation. His greatest hits, *The Music Man* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, will forever stand as landmarks of the Broadway stage. As one critic said, his music is as American as apple pie and a Fourth of July oration. He will always be remembered affectionately and with respect for his virtuosity as our Music Man.



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