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Ambassador Coats

Tomorrow the Nobel Peace Prize for 2002 will be awarded to President Jimmy Carter for his remarkable achievements. I join President Bush in honoring President Carter's accomplishments and his dedication to a philosophy and a lifetime of service to others.

And so, it is indeed a privilege to celebrate with you today the publication of a new edition of President Carter's book "Why Not the Best."

The Norwegian Nobel Committee decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize to President Carter, for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development.

President Carter has said he hopes the award reflects a universal acceptance and embrace of a broad-based concept of human rights -- to include not only the right to live in peace, but also the rights of individuals to decide how they live, economic opportunities without discrimination, societies free from the grip of disease, corruption, and crime.

President Carter has worked tirelessly to achieve this broader goal of human rights. And in doing so, he has devoted a large part of his life to service to others -- based on his Christian faith that has motivated and shaped his decisions as a businessman, a farmer, a humanitarian, and as president.

President Carter has said "to have faith in something is an inducement to action." That faith has been his constant companion, a source of inspiration and strength in both good times and bad.

Thank you.