

March 21, 2003

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to ask that you consider the enclosed request from Mr. Charles Wick. He presented an idea to me to create an award that would be named in honor of Bob Hope. Ideally, the commissioning of this award would coincide with his 100th birthday on May 29, 2003.

As you can see in the attached documents, Mr. Wick has specified the wishes of the Hope Family in the establishment of such an award. Its purpose would be to recognize and thereby encourage love of country and service to the nation in the spirit of patriotism.

Such an award would be a lasting symbol of Mr. Hope's service to this country, one that would be bestowed upon others deserving of recognition in the name of a great American patriot.

As the country faces challenges from those who do not share our belief in the power of freedom, this could be a wonderful way to highlight the lives of those who strive to maintain it.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Cox
U.S. Representative

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wick

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