



# CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

*in honor of*

**HIS HOLINESS  
THE 14TH DALAI LAMA OF TIBET  
TENZIN GYATSO**

The Rotunda  
United States Capitol  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
1:00 p.m.

*“World peace must develop from inner peace.  
Peace is not the absence of violence.  
Peace is the manifestation of human compassion.”*

— His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet,  
Tenzin Gyatso

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# Program

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## Prelude

The United States Air Force Strings

## Welcome

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

## Presentation of the Colors

The United States Armed Forces Color Guard

## National Anthem

Mr. J. Mark McVey, Broadway concert artist

## Invocation

The Reverend Barry Black, *Chaplain of the United States Senate*

## Remarks on the Resolution

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Tom Lantos, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, *United States Senate*

## Musical Selection

The United States Air Force Strings

## Remarks

Mr. Elie Wiesel, *Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University,*  
*Nobel Peace Laureate*

The Honorable John Boehner, *Republican Leader of the United States*  
*House of Representatives*

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, *Republican Leader of the United States Senate*

The Honorable Harry Reid, *Majority Leader of the United States Senate*

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable George W. Bush, *The President of the United States*

## Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, *President pro tempore of the United States Senate*

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable George W. Bush, *The President of the United States*

## Acceptance and Word of Thanks

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso

## Benediction

The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, *Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives*

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*The Congressional Gold Medal is the most distinguished award bestowed by the United States Congress. It is the nation's top civilian award presented to those individuals that embody the best quality in America's heritage. Before it can be awarded, legislation must be approved by Congress and signed into law by the President. Congress first awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to George Washington in 1776.*

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