

**Education “is freedom itself. And with UNESCO’s leadership, freedom can be realized throughout the world. . .”**

— First Lady Laura Bush, February 13, 2003



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Honorary Ambassador to UNESCO’s Literacy Decade

# Keep America’s Commitment to Freedom

As a former librarian, First Lady Laura Bush knows education is a powerful weapon in the fight for freedom and democracy. And she knows that UNESCO is critical to that battle. She has joined its Literacy Decade as an Honorary Ambassador.

President Bush pledged the US would return to UNESCO "as a symbol of our commitment to human dignity." With new reforms and new leadership, UNESCO is critical to promoting international security. In Iraq, the organization is working to recover and protect lost antiquities. In Afghanistan, UNESCO’s work to reopen schools and for the first time, allow girls into the classroom.

Education is our most powerful weapon for promoting democracy, health care, economic development, human rights and more. Congress must help President Bush keep America’s commitment.



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