

CIVITAS PROGRAM RESTORING  
HOPE IN BOSNIA AND  
HERZEGOVINA

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks a delegation of educators and education officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina traveled to my district to continue their work with the Center for Civic Education in implementing a successful civic education initiative called Civitas @ Bosnia and Herzegovina which is restoring hope to that divided nation.

The Civitas initiative consists of an education for democracy program for elementary and secondary students in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the goal of promoting the development of a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions.

The distinguished members of the delegation include: Rahela Dzidic, Executive Director, Civitas @ Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Mile Ilic, Professor of Pedagogy and Psychology, University of Banja Luka, Banja Luka, Sanja Kantar, Philosophy Professor, Prijedor, Dejan Kronic, Counselor for Physics and Astronomy, Pedagogical Institute of the Republika Srpska, Civitas Regional Coordinator, Banja Luka, Anton Milos, Elementary School Principal, Civitas Municipal Coordinator for Kiseljak, Brestovsko, Ismet Salihbegovic, Deputy Minister of Education, Sarajevo Canton, Sarajevo, Halil Spago, Counselor for Education, Mostar Canton, Ministry of Education, Mostar, Esad Toromanovic, Sociology Professor, Civitas Cantonal Coordinator, Una Sana Canton, Bihac, Karlo Zelenika, Psychology and Pedagogy Professor, Civitas Cantonal Coordinator, Sikoki Brijeg, Masa Miskin, Translator, student, University of Sarajevo, Philosophy Faculty, Sarajevo, Aida Skaljić, Civitas Translator/Assistant, Sarajevo.

The Civitas initiative in Bosnia has produced impressive results. More than 2,500 teachers in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been using Project Citizen, a program translated and adapted from a successful civic education middle school program used in the United States. The teachers also are using translated and adapted versions of selected lessons on basic concepts of democracy. In all of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the program has reached more than 100,000 elementary and secondary students since its inception in 1996.

The initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina is part of the broader Civitas: An International Civic Education Exchange program administered by the Center for Civic Education. The program provides for a series of exchanges among leaders and educators in civic education in the United States and emerging and established democracies worldwide.

I applaud the promising results the Civitas initiative has already achieved and look forward to the continued success of the program.

IN MEMORY OF PRESIDENT  
JULIUS NYERERE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a student, active in the African liberation movement, President Julius Nyerere was a source of inspiration to me. As a supporter, educator and celebrator of indigenous African cultures, Nyerere was a President who left an indelible mark not only on Africans of all countries, but of people of all nations.

It is fitting at this time to pay the utmost respect to his insight, which recognized the beauty and value of cultures that have so traditionally been devalued or exploited. President Nyerere, for example, promoted the use of Swahili, making this native African language the official language of Tanzania.

Those of us who were active in the movement against apartheid in South Africa, looked to Nyerere for this leadership, and emphasis on a collective system of government in which all people in the community are valued and provided for, *ujamaa*, or "familyhood".

Fittingly, President Nyerere was and is addressed throughout the world as "teacher", and his legacy of supporting and upholding the beauty of Africa for the world will live on in the people of Tanzania and everywhere.

**MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES  
SPENDING**

**HON. MAX SANDLIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I am a longtime opponent of congressional pay raises and pork barrel spending. The time for us to make tough choices is most certainly here. I am encouraging the leadership of the House to reject attempts to cut spending on vital government programs across the board. Instead, let's eliminate the proposed congressional pay hike and the countless budget earmarks.

I staked out this proposal in a letter today to Speaker of the House DENNIS HASTERT requesting that he reject the proposed across-the-board spending cuts at a time when Congress is scheduled to receive a pay raise. I am also suggesting that Speaker HASTERT should turn back the spending programs we call "earmarks."

In light of budget realities and constraints on spending, we must define and protect our priorities as we are forced to make other spending sacrifices. The proposed 1.4 percent across-the-board spending cut would have disastrous effects on critical programs such as defense and education, as well as vital programs for senior citizens.

This reckless round of cuts would threaten our military's readiness and reduce the number of men and women in uniform. Cutting across the board could deprive almost 7,000 children and their families of the proven value of the Head Start program. Furthermore, the cuts would reduce aid to our nation's farmers. Disaster assistance and income assistance would both be reduced at a time when they are so badly needed.

My proposal could save the government billions of dollars. Giving up the 3.4 percent pay raise and cutting away earmarked proposals would eliminate the need for indiscriminate spending cuts which would devastate already under-funded programs.

Mr. Speaker, the time to act is now. We have to make the tough choices that the American people sent us here to make. For us to meet our obligations and protect Social Security, we will have to make sacrifices. We will have to do the right thing.

I am hopeful that the House leadership will make the right choice at this critical moment in the budget debate. It will take courage. It will require us to make tough choices. And that's our job.

**TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MARY  
FARLEY**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker. It is with great honor and profound sadness that I now rise to pay tribute to the life of Pueblo, Colorado's great civic matriarch, Mary Farley. After living a remarkably accomplished life that spanned 94 years, sadly, Mrs. Farley passed away earlier this month. But even as we mourn her passing, everyone who knew Mary should take comfort in the truly incredible life she led.

Since the 1930's, few can claim a place in the Pueblo community as lofty as Mary. Her accomplishments and contributions, Mr. Speaker, were many. During WWII, she co-chaired Pueblo's war bond drive and also served as secretary for the Community welfare council. In the 1960's, she and her husband—the equally distinguished late Dr. John Farley—founded the Farley Foundation which quickly became a leading philanthropic force in the community, state, and nation.

In recognition of her tireless civic endeavors touting noble causes like historical, environmental, and cultural preservation, Mary was inducted into the Pueblo Hall of Fame in 1994.

While her personal accomplishments are many, none are more weighty than the remarkable legacy she has left in her family. Mary's son, Tom Farley, now a leading attorney in the Pueblo area, has been a powerful voice in Colorado's political circles, serving as a state legislator and political activist. Kathy Farley, Mary's daughter, has followed her mother's lead as a community activist, serving as the Director of the Southern Colorado Community Foundation after a two term stint as a powerful advocate on the Pueblo County Commission. Ultimately, while John and Mary can be proud of all the many things they accomplished together, none could surpass what they have left in their children.

It has been said, Mr. Speaker, that the ultimate measure of a person's life is the extent to which they made the world a better place. If, indeed, this is the measure of worth in life, Mary's friends, family, and the Pueblo community can all attest to the success of the life she led. Indeed, both the Pueblo community and the great State of Colorado will benefit for many generations from Mary Farley's tireless drive to make her world a better place for us all.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you and good-bye to this great American who will long serve as an inspiration to us all. We will all miss her greatly.

CONGRATULATING SAINT AGNES  
MEDICAL CENTER FOR 70 YEARS  
OF CARE

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to recognize Saint Agnes Medical Center for 70 years of compassionate care to central California. Saint Agnes has grown from a 75-bed hospital, to a 326-bed regional healthcare delivery system, providing state-of-the-art, comprehensive health care to people of the central valley.

On August 4, 1929, Saint Agnes Medical Center opened its doors in Fresno a day earlier than planned to care for a little boy in need of emergency surgery. It is this commitment to compassionate care that central California residents have come to trust and rely upon over the past seven decades.

As part of its ongoing effort to meet the healthcare needs of central California's growing population, Saint Agnes Medical Center is embarking on a major facilities expansion, which will include expansion of its cardiac services. Construction will begin in the year 2000.

The mission statement reads as follows:

"We at Saint Agnes Medical Center, faithful to the spirit of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, strive to witness God's love through excellence in the delivery of health services. Motivated by compassion and respect, we respond to the health needs of the people of central California. We empower those who serve with us while stewarding human financial resources."

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Saint Agnes Medical Center for their continued compassion and service to the central valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Saint Agnes Medical Center many more years of continued growth and success.

MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH BY JOHN  
R. TAPIA, PH.D.

**HON. BOB STUMP**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, as we approach Veterans' Day and Members reflect on the importance of honoring those who served in the Armed Forces, I submit to Members the Memorial Day statement of my good friend, Dr. John R. Tapia, which follows:

DR. JOHN R. TAPIA—MEMORIAL DAY

Very few in the military ever receive formal decorations. Considering the military establishment as a whole, only a small fraction ever know the hell of actual combat. And of that fraction, only a minute percentage are ever decorated. The great percentage of this combat fraction either get wounded or killed!

So it was very appropriate that at one time this venerable event initially was designated as Decoration Day, to be observed by placing flowers and flags—in essence, decorating—the graves of our war dead.

Today, we define this day as Memorial Day, meaning, essentially, "anything, such as a monument, intended to preserve the memory of a person or event."

Memorial Day, then, is a day appointed to commemorate and decorate the dead of our Armed Services, for memory glorifies the brave. And, to glorify the brave with this memory, cemeteries have been dedicated as monuments, to honor them. To honor those who fell in battles, and those who survived the holocausts which wars create.

These are monuments of concrete and stone to serve as permanent remembrance of our gallant dead. And we must never forget who reposes in these hallowed grounds! To do so would be an act of the greatest treachery!

As commendable as this intention was, we, however, celebrate this venerable occasion only once a year! Yes, once a year, we officially remember and honor our nation's heroes. And, yes, it is most fitting that we have these cemetery monuments to remind us of their sacrifices and grievous loss, one of them my brother.

However, grievous as it is, we should also recognize another monument. A monument also dedicated to preserve this remembrance. Not only of the honored dead, but also of the honored living! A monument, not of concrete and stone, but one of compassion and selfless devotion to the care of our honored living!

It is a living monument of dedicated people concerned with the healing and well-being of those who survived the unspeakable horrors wrought by man's inhumanity to man in the course of wars! This celebration occurs, not once a year, but every living day of the year!

This living monument of which I speak, is a veterans medical center. It is a living monument dedicated to the preservation of this memory which celebrates the meaning of, not Memorial Day, but rather, Memorial Days!

As State and National Cemeteries are monuments of remembrance of our honored dead, these Medical edifices are monuments of remembrance, not only of our honored dead, but also of our honored living!

These selfless acts of mercy, which begin in the battlefields, with the life-saving efforts of those intrepid aidmen known as "corpsmen" or "medic", and progress through MASH units and General Hospitals, continue in the halls of these esteemed institutions.

It is also appropriate and proper, then, that, on this august occasion, we, the living legacy of the honored dead, recognize and pay tribute to those magnificent and benevolent volunteers, of all ages, who contribute their time to tend to the care and decoration of the graves of our honored dead, and who so unstintingly and compassionately provide care and comfort to those who courageously and honorably served our country during times of its greatest needs, at home, on foreign lands, on the seas, and in the air!

In the words of Daniel Webster:

"Let our object be our country,  
"our whole country,  
"and nothing but our country.  
"And, by the blessing of God,  
"may country itself become  
"a vast and splendid monument—  
"not of oppression and terror,  
"but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty—  
"upon which the world may gaze with admiration  
"forever!"

And, so—

To those who faithfully pay homage at these revered ceremonies;

To those who provide care and comfort for our veterans; and,

To those veterans organizations who render our final salute—

We, who will join the honored dead in these hallowed grounds—

Thank you and salute you!

COMMENTING ON THE DEPART-  
MENTS OF INTERIOR AND RE-  
LATED AGENCIES FISCAL YEAR  
2000 CONFERENCE REPORT

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition to the FY 2000 Interior and Related Agencies Conference Report. This report represents poor environmental policy as it significantly weakens existing regulations and undermines current progress in environmental protection.

Most notably, the conference report fails to fully fund the administration's request for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The fund is one of the most important environmental sources of revenue made available to States and is the primary tool that allows for the purchase of threatened land. As a strong proponent of this program, I am pleased with the fact that H.R. 2466 includes \$30 million in funding for the stateside LWCF grant program, however, the report provides only \$266 million of the \$800 million requested by the White House. Since 1995, the stateside LWCF grant program, the principal source of funds that allows States to acquire recreation lands, has received no funding. This has led to all statewide efforts to promote conservation projects to be halted. As we enter the 21st century, I hope Congress can continue to increase the level of funding for the LWCF.

On another note, this conference report provides only one-third of the funds requested by the administration for the President's Lands Legacy Initiative. This initiative is used to purchase lands that protect national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges which add significantly to the beauty and capacity of our national parks and forests. I believe that the Lands Legacy Initiative is a good program and that this conference report threatens to derail the administration's efforts to promote environmental preservation.

Additionally, the conference report contains several anti-environmental riders. Among these riders is a provision that rewrites the 1872 mining law to allow mill operators to dump toxic mining wastes on sites larger than 5 acres without being subject to environmental restrictions. Moreover, this report precludes the Interior Department's regulation that imposes more stringent cleanup responsibilities on mine operations being conducted on public lands and weakens current laws for forest management by instituting a 1-year moratorium on regulations intended to improve environmental compliance in the operation of hardrock mines.

The conferees also added an anti-environmental rider in the conference report that involves rural agricultural lands. This provision would allow for grazing permits to be automatically granted 10-year renewals regardless of whether or not environmental impact studies have been completed. The effect of this