

writing, and other peaceful expressions violates numerous international human rights commitments undertaken by Turkey. Change will truly be evident not when the Aliza Marcuses are acquitted, but when they are not arrested in the first place.

THE FAMILY—A PROCLAMATION
TO THE WORLD

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to pay tribute with my colleagues Congressman RON PACKARD, Congressman WALLY HERGER, Congressman JOHN DOOLITTLE, Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON, Congressman ERNEST J. ISTOOK, Congresswoman ENID GREEN WALDHOLTZ, Congressman MICHAEL D. CRAPO, and Congressman MATT SALMON and to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a message from President Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons).

On November 13, 1995 President Hinckley visited top leaders from the Federal Government and the community. During his visit, President Hinckley met with President Clinton. His message to President Clinton was to share with the world the importance of promoting measures that maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

As members of the Mormon Church we extend this proclamation from the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to all people.

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We, the first presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

In the premortal realm, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an heir of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

The first commandment that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

We declare the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We af-

firm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives—mothers and fathers—will be held accountable before God for discharge of these obligations.

The family is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

We warn that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

We call upon responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

REMARKS HONORING YITZHAK
RABIN DELIVERED TO COMMUNITY
MEMORIAL SERVICE

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, Yitzhak Rabin, my friend, was as great in peace as he was in war. He was a son of Israel, who devoted his life to Israel.

When he needed to be a warrior he was one of the best. From his youth he was steadfastly committed to the idea of Israel. He spent 25 years of his life winning first the battle to establish the state of Israel and later the battles for the survival of Israel. Few, if any, have done more to secure Israel's existence through the force of arms.

However, it is as a peacemaker that Prime Minister Rabin did his greatest work for Israel. His willingness to seek an equitable solution to the problems plaguing the Middle East will be Yitzhak Rabin's lasting legacy. Prime Minister Rabin understood that it is through the peace process that Israel will gain lasting security.

After reluctantly shaking hands with Yassir Arafat, a man who had been his mortal enemy

for much of his life, Prime Minister Rabin said the following words:

We are destined to live together on the same soil in the same land. We, the soldiers who have returned from battles stained with blood; we who have seen our relatives and friends killed before our eyes . . . we who have fought against you, the Palestinians, we say to you in a loud clear voice: Enough of blood and tears. Enough!

These are the words of a true hero. This man was martyred for his commitment to the peace process. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to him today.

Yitzhak Rabin was a friend of mine. I will miss him greatly. My heart, and the hearts of all New Mexicans, go out to his family, and to his country. The world has lost one of its greatest men.

IN HONOR OF JORGE RAMOS AND
CHANNEL 47 SERVING THE HIS-
PANIC COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE
AND DEDICATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished journalist and remarkable man, Jorge Ramos. I would also like to honor Channel 47 for promoting quality programming for the last 30 years. Mr. Ramos and Channel 47 will be honored on a live broadcast on Radio WADO 1280 AM today.

Mr. Jorge Ramos was born in San Juan, PR. He graduated from the College of Humanities of the University of Puerto Rico and thus began a long and illustrious career in broadcast journalism. Mr. Jorge Ramos is currently the news anchor with Noticiero 47, a Spanish-language news show serving the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area. He is also the host of "Enfoque 47" a community affairs program, which debates issues pertaining to the Hispanic community.

As a journalist and senior news anchor, Mr. Ramos has been a part of many important stories about the Hispanic community. This hands on experience has given him important insight into the challenges facing the Hispanic community. He deals with these issues in a sensitive and caring manner and this has won him acclaim in the community. For his hard work and dedication to his Hispanic audience, Mr. Ramos has received numerous awards including being named Best Television News Anchor by the New York City Entertainment Writers Association. His recent production of "Abriendo Caminos" was nominated for an Emmy Award for "Most Outstanding Cultural Programming".

Not only is Mr. Ramos an accomplished journalist, but he is also a dedicated humanitarian. Mr. Ramos has joined several efforts to help disadvantaged and handicapped children and victims of natural disasters across the continental U.S. and Latin America. In February of 1992, he flew to his native Puerto Rico to host the program "Hermano, Danos la Mano" [Brother Give Us A hand]. The program was a telethon to help survivors of the devastating floods on the islands. Mr. Ramos is a man who dedicates his time and talents to helping the community.