

of Mortimer Downey,” said the President. “I am very pleased that he is joining Secretary Peña at a Department that will play a key role in implementing my economic plan, as well as in improving our Nation’s transportation system.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Announcement of Nomination for Two Deputy United States Trade Representatives

March 18, 1993

President Clinton announced today his intention to nominate Rufus Yerxa and Charlene Barshefsky as Deputy U.S. Trade Representatives, and his approval of the appointment by Ambassador Mickey Kantor of the following:

Ira Shapiro, General Counsel
 Nancy LeaMond, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs
 Anne Luzzatto, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Public Affairs
 Debbie Shon, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison
 Ellen Frost, Counselor
 Howard Reed, Special Counsel for Financial and Investment Policy
 Tom Nides, Special Counsel for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

“We are at a key moment in the history of American trade policy,” said the President. “Rufus Yerxa, Charlene Barshefsky, and the outstanding team that Ambassador Kantor has put together will work hard to make sure that we do not miss the opportunities that lay ahead of us.”

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks at a Breakfast for Members of the House of Representatives

March 19, 1993

Last night I went to bed early—at 1:15 a.m.—for you, and I was taking odds on how many of you would actually be here this morning at 8:30 a.m. [*Laughter*] This may be a greater test of loyalty than the votes yesterday. [*Laughter*]

I want to say to you, Mr. Speaker, a special word of thanks, and in his absence, to Mr. Gephardt, to whom I talked last night sometime after midnight. I want to thank you, David Bonior, for your work. And I want to say a special word of thanks for the southern-drawled discipline of Butler Derrick, the fine job he did. I love to listen to Butler talk. He makes me sound like a Yankee. [*Laughter*] I’d also like to thank the other leaders up here on the platform but especially the two chairs who are here, Mr. Natcher and Mr. Sabo, for the work they did.

And I want to thank, of course, most of all, all of you for what you did yesterday. And I want to thank your constituents, the people who made this possible. If it hadn’t been for the American people voting for a change in direction in this country, communicating that to you, and telling you that they would stay behind you if you made the tough decisions, none of this would have been possible.

Yesterday was a great day of victory for ordinary Americans and for the proposition that this Government can work for them again, that we don’t have to be mired in gridlock, that we don’t have to spend all of our time posturing and dividing and running for cover instead of moving into the future. It was a wonderful beginning. I think it’s important to remember that it’s just a beginning, that you now have to encourage your colleagues on the other side of the Capitol to act and that we all have to continue to stay in touch with the people who sent us here. When I leave you today, I’m going to Atlanta to try to continue my dialog with the American people and to say we still have a great deal of work to do to create the jobs and invest in our people and reduce the deficit. But people know that it’s working.

You know, this last week I have had to take a good deal of time off to deal with the