can grow the economy and have a responsible environmental policy. We can do that, but we have to make a decision to do it. And we have to understand it’s one of the big issues out there.

What are the other big issues? I’ll just—we can’t forget the human element in a global economy. We can’t let people get left behind. That’s why I’m fighting so hard for this Patients’ Bill of Rights. In an economy that is increasingly based on ideas and information and organization, the human element can get left behind. One of the things our party has always done is to remind people of the human element. I’m proud of that. And I think that we have proved in the last 6 years you can take care of the human element; you can take care of the environment; and you can still grow the economy if you do it right.

And the last point I want to make is—and if you look around this room today, you see it illustrated—the world we’re living in will reward nations that can reflect that world in the best sense. How much of your time as President have I had to spend dealing with other people’s religious, racial, and ethnic conflicts? As America grows even more diverse, if you want us to do good in a world like that, we have to be good at home. We have to reflect the best of America.

And what’s all that got to do with Marty and Diane? I’ll tell you what. In this economy that we’ve produced, I’ve tried to actually reduce the role of the Federal Government in inessential areas, delegate more to the States where I thought it was appropriate. We now have the smallest Federal Government we’ve had in 35 years. What does that mean? That means it matters a whole lot more who the Governor is. It matters what the education policy of the State is. It matters what the policy is of moving people from welfare to work and whether you’re helping people raise their kids as well as expecting them to work if they’re able-bodied. It matters what the environmental policy of the State is. These things matter.

It matters. We passed, in the balanced budget bill, we passed funds to give the States the ability to insure another 5 million kids who don’t have any health insurance. But the Federal Government is not doing it; the State is doing it with money we gave them. Therefore, it really matters whether a Governor wakes up every morning worrying about whether some kid somewhere in New Mexico who might get sick, whose family doesn’t have any health insurance.

So it is not enough, as important as it is, for you to make the right decisions for Senator and Congress and for President in the year 2000. It really matters to the shape of your children’s future who the Governor of this State is. It matters who the Lieutenant Governor is. It matters if they have an approach that is consistent with your values and if they really care about how you’re going to live in this great new 21st century.

So I’m proud to be here because New Mexico has done a lot for me and for my family and for our administration. But New Mexico should now do itself a favor and elect this great ticket.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 2:35 p.m. in the Regal and Registry Room at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Mr. Chavez’s wife, Margaret; Diane Denish, candidate for Lt. Gov. and her husband, Herb; Mayor Jim Baca of Albuquerque; Raymond G. Sanchez, speaker, New Mexico House of Representatives; and Shirley Baca, Tom Udall, and Phillip Maloof, candidates for New Mexico’s Second, Third, and First Congressional Districts, respectively. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Executive Order 13093—American Heritage Rivers, Amending Executive Orders 13061 and 13080

July 27, 1998

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to increase the number of rivers that the President may designate as American Heritage Rivers, it is hereby ordered that the second sentence of both section 2(d)(1) of Executive Order 13061 and of section 2(a) of Executive
Order 13080 are amended by deleting “ten” and inserting “up to 20” in lieu thereof.

William J. Clinton

The White House,

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the Federal Register on July 29.

Remarks at the Congressional Tribute Honoring Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson
July 28, 1998

To the Chestnut and Gibson families and my fellow Americans, the Bible defines a good life thusly: “To love justice, to do mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”

Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson loved justice. The story of what they did here on Friday in the line of duty is already a legend. It is fitting that we gather here to honor these two American heroes, here in this hallowed chamber that has known so many heroes, in this Capitol they gave their lives to defend.

And we thank their families for enduring the pain and extra burden of joining us here today. For they remind us that what makes our democracy strong is not only what Congress may enact or a President may achieve; even more, it is the countless individual citizens who live our ideals out every day, the innumerable acts of heroism that go unnoticed, and especially, it is the quiet courage and uncommon bravery of Americans like J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson and, indeed, every one of the 81 police officers who just this year have given their lives to ensure our domestic tranquility.

John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut also did mercy in giving their lives to save the lives of their fellow citizens. We honor them today, and in so doing, we honor also the hundreds of thousands of other officers, including all of their comrades, who stand ready every day to do the same. They make it seem so ordinary, so expected, asking for no awards or acknowledgement, that most of us do not always appreciate—indeed, most of the time we do not even see—their daily sacrifice. Until crisis reveals their courage, we do not see how truly special they are. And so they walked humbly.

To the Gibsons, to Lyn, Kristen, Jack, and Danny, to the Chestnuts, Wenling, Joseph, Janice, Janet, Karen, and William, to the parents, the brothers, the siblings, the friends here, you always knew that John and J.J. were special. Now the whole world knows as well.

Today we mourn their loss, and we celebrate their lives. Our words are such poor replacements for the joys of family and friends, the turning of the seasons, the rhythms of normal life that should rightfully have been theirs. But we offer them to you from a grateful Nation, profoundly grateful that in doing their duty, they saved lives; they consecrated this house of freedom; and they fulfilled our Lord’s definition of a good life. They loved justice. They did mercy. Now and forever, they walk humbly with their God.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:30 p.m. in the United States Capitol Rotunda. The transcript made available by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Vice President Al Gore. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson died as a result of gunshot wounds suffered during an attack at the Capitol on July 24.

Statement on the Resolution of the United Auto Workers Strike at General Motors
July 28, 1998

I am pleased that the United Auto Workers and General Motors have resolved their differences today. Getting GM back to work is a win-win solution—a victory for the company and its employees and a victory for all Americans. It also shows that the collective bargaining process works. American companies can remain competitive in the world economy while providing good jobs and good benefits for their employees.

I would like to thank Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, who worked night and day behind the scenes to keep both parties working toward a resolution. She and her team