

thinking or doing, however ancient, can be trusted without proof. What everybody echoes or in silence passes by as true today may turn out to be falsehood tomorrow. . . .

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach. . . . I wanted to live deep and suck out the marrow of life. . . .

"Our life is frittered away by detail. . . . I say, let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand. . . .

"Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed, and in such desperate enterprises? If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears. . . .

"Love your life, poor as it is. . . . The setting sun is reflected from the windows of the almshouse as brightly as from the rich man's abode. . . .

"Cultivate poverty like a garden herb, like sage. Do not trouble yourself much to get new things. . . . Turn the old; return to them. . . .

"Only that day dawns to which we are awake. There is more day to dawn. The sun is but a morning star."

Such is the philosophy of Henry David Thoreau from "Walden" represented in the red maple tree we dedicate today.

Robert Frost's deep, stirring poetry builds upon that philosophy, as with "The Road Not Taken."

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
"And sorry I could not travel both
"And be one traveler, long I stood
"And looked down one as far as I could
"To where it bent in the undergrowth.
"Then took the other, as just as fair
"And having perhaps the better claim,
"Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
"Though as for that, the passing there
"Had worn them really about the same.
"And both that morning equally lay
"In leaves no step had trodden black.
"Oh, I kept the first for another day!
"Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
"I doubted if I should ever come back.
"I shall be telling this with a sigh
"Somewhere ages and ages hence;
"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
"I took the one less traveled by,
"And that has made all the difference."

With these thoughts we dedicate a red maple, one of the most beautiful and sturdiest of all trees. The red maple buds magnificently in spring, shades us well in summer, comes to full glory in autumn, and then promises us new hope in winter.

It reminds us of Robert Frost, and Henry David Thoreau, and so many of the authors who have given us a great American literary heritage. Thanks to that heritage, we come together as Americans, linked by a common love of books and of libraries and of our country.

and fought with uncompromising dedication for her values. Maxine Cohen, the executive director of San Antonio's community relations council, is a woman of action, giving new meaning to the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes when he said: "To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it,—but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

The Jewish community in San Antonio earlier this week honored Maxine Cohen in a beautiful and moving tribute. Diverse community leaders, one after the other, stood up to praise her and highlight for all to hear the positive impact that one person has made. Ms. Cohen has spearheaded Holocaust education programs in San Antonio schools, founded the San Antonio Holocaust Memorial and Museum, responded to attacks on the Jewish community in various media, and fought for the security and well-being of Israel. She has reached out to others. Recognizing the value of shared experience and personal relationships, Ms. Cohen established an organized dialogue with local Catholics to break through old barriers and emerge with lifetime friendships. Her work concretized what we already knew: that we as humans share fundamental values and bonds that emerge from and at the same time transcend religious lines.

Maxine Cohen combines inner strength, personal conviction, and unlimited spirit. One after the other, her admirers recalled instances of her selflessness and dedication, her love and caring for her fellow Jews and for the entire San Antonio community. She inspires others to become involved in politics, in community, in our schools, teaching all of us time and again the virtues of involvement and activism. Senator Robert Kennedy must have envisioned Maxine Cohen when he uttered the following words in a 1966 address at the University of Capetown, now inscribed at his gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery:

It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

Maxine Cohen contributes far more than her share of ripples of hope, and with her setting the example for us, we can hope for a future in which we stand proud for ourselves, whatever our background or race, and appreciate each other for our unique contributions to our great Nation and the entire world.

CHAPLAIN PRECIADO AND THE VFSC

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the laudable work of a nonprofit, charitable organization in my congressional district, the Veteran Family Service Corp. [VFSC]. Started 4 years ago during the Persian Gulf war, the VFSC has helped thousands of veterans find food, clothing, shelter, and drug and alcohol treatment.

Through the tireless work of Chaplain Robert Preciado, the founder and president of the Veteran Family Service Corp., hundreds of indigent veterans and their dependents in the San Gabriel Valley receive moral and material support every other Wednesday. The VFSC provides 9 to 12 tons of food monthly, directly to veterans, homeless shelters, and food pantries in the community.

The VFSC, through its food bank, gives veterans who are down and out a helping hand. Chaplain Preciado offers hope to people who have run out of hope. I have stood with Chaplain Preciado and seen first hand the admirable work he does.

During natural disasters, the Veteran Family Service Corp. has extended its services to nonveterans. The VFSC, for example, provided much-needed relief to victims of the Northridge earthquake. With the help of countless volunteers, the cities of Baldwin Park, Irwindale, and Azusa, as well as the California Army National Guard 40th Infantry Division, the VFSC provided over 27 truckloads of provisions to earthquake victims. The VFSC has also provided help to flood victims in the South Bay area in January 1995.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I salute Chaplain Preciado and the Veteran Family Service Corp. for providing food, clothing, assistance, and hope to veterans and their families in need.

COMMEMORATION OF THE RETIREMENT OF ALBERT M. DREYFUSS

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to take this opportunity to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the retirement of one of the most distinguished business and civic leaders in my home town of Sacramento, Mr. Albert M. Dreyfuss.

For nearly 50 years, Al has made Sacramento a better place to live, both through his landmark building designs and through his service to the community.

As an architect, I can think of no one who has made a greater impact on the Sacramento area than Al. From our airport, to our leading hotels, to some of the finest, most modern office buildings that grace our skyline, Al has been a true innovator in creating facilities that have made our city more attractive, and our businesses more efficient.

As a community leader, Al has taken his abilities as an architect and literally donated them to our community's governments and civic organizations. He was a founding member of the Capitol Area Plan Committee in 1959, and served as its chairman from 1959 to 1967. Under Al's leadership, CAP led our region through some important transitions as Sacramento grew into a major metropolitan area. But he also made sure that, as Sacramento developed, it did so responsibly while preserving its rich historical heritage.

Mr. Speaker, as Al undoubtedly is aware, I, at one time, aspired to be an architect. When I look at all Al has accomplished in his career, I cannot help but wonder what would be left for me to achieve as an aspiring architect, had I followed that path. As he leaves the firm he

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MAXINE COHEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to honor an outstanding woman in San Antonio, TX, a woman who in words and deed has built bridges between diverse communities

established in 1950, Al leaves behind a lifetime legacy that will never be forgotten.

THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, May 31, 1995 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

BALANCED BUDGET PLANS

The House of Representatives recently completed action on the budget resolution, which sets broad dollar targets for federal spending and revenues for the next seven years. Each of the four versions considered by the House would, in theory, balance the federal budget by the year 2002. Some would even produce a surplus and begin reducing the national debt.

The House leadership deserves credit for bringing balanced budget resolutions to the floor. The deficit this year is projected to be just under \$200 billion. The deficit has been significantly reduced—from 4.9% of the total economy three years ago to 2.5% today—but much more needs to be done. The cuts necessary to erase the deficit will be felt by all Americans. Congress' challenge is to make sure that the burden of cuts is distributed fairly.

A Moderate Plan: I support a balanced budget. The budget resolution I voted for would balance the budget by 2002, begin to reduce the national debt, stabilize the Medicare trust fund, and invest in our children through student loans, Head Start, and childhood immunization. It would make tough but fair cutbacks in almost every part of the budget: foreign aid, welfare, agriculture, transportation, housing, and many others. It did not raise tax rates. The gradual reductions would cut the deficit in half by 1999, provide a surplus in 2002, and reduce the national debt (the sum of yearly deficits) by \$160 billion more than the majority's budget. This budget received the most bipartisan support. Unfortunately, it was defeated.

The Majority Plan: The majority leadership's resolution passed the House. While I disagreed with several of its priorities, the majority's budget has some positive features. It is a serious attempt to break the pattern of government overspending with hard targets and a final date to balance the budget. It forces the nation to confront fiscal decisions avoided for too long.

The majority's budget would cut spending for virtually all federal programs except defense, which would increase significantly. It also assumes cuts in tax revenue by \$280 billion reduction over seven years and an additional \$350 billion in the following three years.

The largest savings in the majority budget come from a \$288 billion in Medicare services, compared to spending levels required under current law. The plan would eliminate 284 programs, reduce student loans, cut major agricultural programs, and make significant cuts in child nutrition services. Heating assistance to low-income families would be abolished, and only 50 percent of housing assistance vouchers for older persons would be renewed. The majority's budget would also eliminate small business assistance, community development funds, and assistance to rural communities for wastewater treatment.

Reservations: I did not support the majority budget resolution for several reasons:

First, the majority delayed most of the tough spending cuts until 2001. Until then, we will have deficits in excess of \$100 billion per year. My preference is to reduce spending gradually each year, rather than postponing action.

Second, the job of balancing the budget is made much more difficult by huge tax cuts. I do not think we can justify large tax breaks until the budget is balanced—especially when the tax cuts start early and the bulk of the spending cuts are delayed for six years. If and when a surplus occurs, then Congress should pass tax cuts. It does not make sense to borrow more money to give ourselves a tax cut.

Third, my spending priorities are different. Half of the total savings come from health care and assistance to the poor. We should not ask the poor to bear more than their share of the burden. The curbs on Medicare and Medicaid are too steep. I prefer fair, across-the-board cuts in most programs, and deep cuts in "corporate welfare"—wasteful subsidies to business. We should also preserve funding for long-term investments such as health and science research, infrastructure, and education. These are necessary to continue economic growth, increase revenues, and reduce the deficit.

Fourth, the majority budget devolves a great deal of responsibility to state and local governments in a short period of time. This may be a good idea in many cases, but we need more information on the ability of these governments to handle new duties. Balancing the federal budget will be a hollow victory if state and local governments fail to run programs well or raise taxes to meet exploding costs.

Fifth, I am not convinced the majority plan would achieve a balanced budget. The plan makes optimistic economic assumptions that it could lower interest rates almost two percentage points and boost economic growth. That might occur, but the hope of \$170 billion in savings from this should not be assumed in advance.

Conclusion: The House action on the budget was a significant step toward restoring fiscal responsibility to the federal government. The Senate has also passed a budget resolution, with no immediate tax cut. The House and Senate resolutions must be reconciled in what will be a contentious conference committee, with tax cuts at the center of debate. The budget resolution itself is not subject to a Presidential veto, but the measures to implement it must be approved by the President.

The toughest choices lie ahead, when Congress debates these specific spending cuts. It is one thing to say that Medicare services must be reduced by \$288 billion over seven years, but quite another to decide exactly how these savings will be accomplished. The real budget decisions are just beginning.

The popular promise of 1994, that the budget could be balanced painlessly, will not be kept. The strongest evidence of that is the deep cuts in Medicare and Medicaid services. The right way to reduce the deficit is to distribute the burden of spending cuts fairly. The challenge is to balance the need for austerity with critical investments in long-term growth. We should reduce unnecessary and marginal programs, but also invest in programs that will help working families build a more prosperous future.

TRIBUTE TO LORNA M. HART

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mrs. Lorna M. Hart for her 30 years of outstanding service as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. In recognition of her dedication to the children of Los Angeles, Mrs. Hart will be honored by her friends and family at an appreciation dinner on June 10, 1995. It is a pleasure to share with my colleagues just a few of her many accomplishments.

A dedicated student, Mrs. Hart received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Los Angeles [UCLA] in 1960. By 1965, Mrs. Hart received her general elementary teaching credentials and began her 30 year career with the Los Angeles Unified School District. Later, she returned to school, and in 1975 she earned her masters of arts in education from California State University, Los Angeles, as well as a media education credential.

From 1964 until her retirement in September of last year, Mrs. Hart taught elementary and special education, touching the lives of many young students. As a special education teacher to students with physical disabilities, Mrs. Hart worked closely with administrators, school support staff, teachers, and parents to enrich the educational experience of disabled youth. Mrs. Hart was also responsible for implementing "Career Week" for young children and served on the Ethnic Heritage Committee for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

In addition to her teaching, Mrs. Hart has contributed greatly to the Los Angeles Christian community. Mrs. Hart was ordained to preach the gospel and is the former assistant pastor of the People's United Community Church of Christ, Inc. Mrs. Hart is currently affiliated with the Emmanuel Independent Community Church where she is an associate pastor and minister of christian education. She serves on the board of directors for Christian Women in Action, is president of the Community Alliance of Pastors and Ministers, and treasurer of the West Adams Christian Athletics.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting Mrs. Lorna M. Hart on her many years of dedicated service to her students and the Los Angeles Unified School District. It is a pleasure to join her family, friends, and colleagues in recognizing her distinguished teaching career and wishing Mrs. Hart well on the occasion of her retirement.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF EDWIN AND CHARLOTTE WENTA

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues an exemplary couple from the Third Congressional District of Illinois, Mr. and