

for the crusades as the good news made its way across the heartland carrying God's spokesman.

Dr. Graham's loyalty and friendship toward my family has endured now for a half century. Just recently, my mother, Lucille Clement, passed away after 75 beautiful years. Several years ago, Mother visited Ruth at the Graham home in Montreat. My mother spoke often of how she was blessed by this time well spent. So, upon my mother's death, Dr. Graham issued a statement to the press of his great love and friendship for my mother and our family. I was very grateful.

For these reasons and more, it was my pleasure to work with Representative CHARLES TAYLOR to invite our colleagues to sign on as cosponsors of this important legislation which will record for history our admiration and highest honor for these two servants of God and the world.

I call upon my colleagues today to support this bill which awards the Grahams with the highest honor of the U.S. Congress, but an award much too inadequate for this couple. I am reminded today of how the writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews describes the heroes of our faith. These heroes, like Billy and Ruth Graham, are those "of whom the world is not worthy."

CONSTRUCTED WATER CONVEYANCE

Book of Hebrews describes the heroes of our faith.

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES A. HAYES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, last May, I stood in this very well and expressed my belief that clean water is for people—people who believe more in their State and community than in Federal mandates and regulations. I was pleased to see that the House endorsed these precepts as we overwhelmingly passed this Corrections Day legislation.

There are many rice farmers in south Louisiana, and many more in the district of my good friend from California, Congressman CONDIT, who irrigate their fields or transport agricultural wastewater to treatment plants by utilizing man-made ditches. Although the number of these systems in Louisiana has dwindled over the last decade, the cost of planting with such canals is approximately half of the cost of the current most common irrigation method—pumping private well water.

Among the reasons for the aforementioned switch from low-cost to high-cost irrigation were undoubtedly costs added by requirements of the Clean Water Act. The current law compels States to establish water quality standards for waters of the United States. Water quality standards identify designated uses such as swimming, fishing, and drinking and criteria necessary to achieve these uses. Incorrect past interpretations have required farmers to meet water quality standards for swimming, fishing, and drinking, uses beyond the intentions for many man-made water conveyance systems.

H.R. 2567, the Constructed Water Conveyances Reform Act, is intended to afford States necessary flexibility in setting water quality standards, if purposes of man-made water

conveyances are not compatible with designated uses and were never meant to support recreation or aquatic life. I am also pleased that this legislation, as the first to come under the scrutiny of the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act, should reduce costs to States and local jurisdictions.

These provisions are virtually identical to language which passed the House by a widespread bipartisan majority as part of H.R. 961, the Clean Water Act amendments. H.R. 2567 is an extremely non-controversial and commonsense solution to yet another overbearing regulatory problem for our Nation's farmers.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE BARBARA JORDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of a wonderful woman and former Member of Congress. Barbara Jordan passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, and all of Texas will miss her dearly.

She was born into poverty during the Depression in Houston's fifth ward, the most segregated neighborhood in Texas. As a young politician, she earned and demanded respect among experienced politicians at the top of power in Texas which sealed their great respect for her.

She served well in the House of Representatives and subsequently as a teacher at the University of Texas. Most recently, she gave much of her time as the Chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Immigration. I will always remember her efforts to unite her community, the State of Texas and the Nation as a whole.

Barbara Jordan may have been best known for her participation in the Watergate hearings, but she will always be remembered by Texans as a leader and a teacher. She was a strong proponent of teaching English and American history in order to bring all of us together as Americans. She will be remembered by many of us for different reasons. Many will remember her as a colleague, and many as a teacher.

One Saturday in June 1972, Barbara Jordan was "Governor For A Day" in the State of Texas. I am still amazed at the record number of people of all races that converged on the State capitol that day. Also I will remember her close work with Oscar Mauzy, Ms. Jordan's fellow fifth ward of Texas resident.

Barbara Jordan followed her conscience and did what she thought was right. When she spoke everyone listened, and when people spoke to her, she listened to them.

She will be missed by all of us. Texas and the Nation has lost a friend. But her wisdom, I hope, will continue to be heard and felt in the halls of Congress and around the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE BARBARA JORDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened to hear of Barbara Jordan's untimely death.

When she spoke with her Jehovah-like voice, it was like a powerful voice from on high. She was a great American patriot whose dedication to public service and unshakable faith in, and love of, the Constitution served her well, earning her national recognition during the Watergate impeachment hearings. When she spoke of the Constitution, her tremendous voice resonated and made it sound like the Founding Fathers themselves were speaking.

She personified the principles of ethics, justice, and compassion.

Her untimely death is a major loss to the citizens of this great Nation, particularly as we seek to resolve the difficult public policy questions confronting our country. We have lost an outstanding public servant. We will miss her advice and counsel. She leaves a great legacy that challenges all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles of freedom and equality for all Americans.

With her eloquent voice, she spoke for ordinary Americans in a language that all could understand. To those who felt disheartened, she made them believe that they too were included in the American dream.

She will be a constant reminder of the power of integrity and fairness.

I will always remember her. The Nation has lost a treasure and a powerful friend.

THANK YOU FOR FUNDING LIHEAP

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my complete gratitude to the House of Representatives and the leadership for their support of full-funding for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program [LIHEAP] to be allocated to States immediately. Last night I delivered the following letter to the chairman of appropriations, which was signed by 154 Members of Congress, asking for the immediate release of the \$190 million remaining in fiscal year 1996 allocation for LIHEAP:

Hon. BOB LIVINGSTON,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LIVINGSTON: As you know there is approximately \$190 million remaining in FY 1996 allocation for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). When a continuing resolution is developed on January 26th, we would very much appreciate your releasing 100 percent of these funds immediately.

While \$810 million in LIHEAP funds have been released so far this year, these funds are not even half of the LIHEAP monies allotted to the states in FY 1994 and significantly less than the \$1.3 billion allocated in

FY 1995. In order to deal with the problems that our cold weather states are currently experiencing, it is essential that the full \$1 billion in LIHEAP funds be released this year.

As you know LIHEAP is a time sensitive program, providing heating assistance to low-income households during the cold winter months. As you also know there has been brutally cold weather throughout America, and states are in desperate need of funding for heating assistance.

Last year, an estimated 6.1 million households received LIHEAP benefits. Three-quarters of those households had incomes of less than \$8,000 per year. The average LIHEAP family spent 18.4 percent of their income on the cost of home energy, compared with 6.7 percent for all households. Unless action is taken immediately, hundreds of thousands of Americans who live in the coldest states will again be unable to heat their homes. We don't want to see families forced from their homes because of unpredictably cold weather.

We encourage you to take immediate action in the next continuing resolution to assist millions of low-income Americans in need of heating assistance this winter.

Sincerely,

Representatives: Bernard Sanders, Peter Blute, Martin Sabo, Peter Torkildsen, Amo

Houghton, Mike Ward, John Elias Baldacci, Joseph Moakley, Joseph Kennedy, John Olver, Phil English, Rick Boucher, Sam Gejdenson, John McHugh, Harry Johnston, Paul McHale, Ronald Dellums, Tim Johnson, Jose Serrano, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Nydia Velazquez, Sheila Jackson-Lee, Michael Doyle, Robert Borski, Collin Peterson, Luis Gutierrez, Sue Kelly, Carrie Meek, Albert Wynn, Victor Frazer, James Oberstar, Glenn Poshard, Gerry Studds, Barney Frank, Thomas Sawyer, Ed Whitfield, Frank Lobiondo, and Sherwood Boehlert.

Robert Andrews, Eva Clayton, Eliot Engel, Benjamin Gilman, Charles Schumer, Donald Payne, Nancy Johnson, Cynthia McKinney, Richard Neal, Major Owens, Rosa Delauro, Earl Pomeroy, Elizabeth Furse, Peter DeFazio, Patrick Kennedy, David Minge, James Longley, Matthew Martinez, Paul Kanjorski, Henry Gonzalez, Bob Wise, Jim McDermott, Edolphus Towns, Tim Holden, James Clyburn, Norman Sisisky, Nick Rahall, George Brown, William Coyne, Frank Mascara, Earl Hilliard, Gerald Kleczka, Maurice Hinchey, William Clinger, Dale Kildee, Rick Lazio, Carolyn Maloney, Patricia Schroeder, Martin Meehan, Thomas Foglietta, Frank Tejeda, Ike Skelton, William Clay, Pat Williams, Jim Ramstad, and Andrew Jacobs.

Vic Fazio, Lane Evans, James Barcia, Barbara Kennelly, Sherrod Brown, Robert Menendez, Alan Mollohan, Ron Klink, John Conyers, Louise Slaughter, Jack Reed, Harold Volkmer, William Martini, Gary Ackerman, Sander Levin, Lee Hamilton, Steny Hoyer, Sanford Bishop, James Traficant, Richard Durbin, Bart Stupak, Gene Green, Jack Quinn, Bob Filner, Ron Wyden, Marcy Kaptur, Scotty Baesler, Connie Morella, Jerry Costello, Martin Frost, Jon Fox, Floyd Flake, Tom Barrett, Henry Waxman, Robert Ney, John Murtha, Michael Castle, Rodney Frelinghuysen, Charles Rangel, Jerrold Nadler, George Miller, John Dingell, Edward Esteban Torres, Lynn Rivers, George Gekas, and Bobby Rush.

John LaFalce, John Lewis, Blanche Lambert Lincoln, Susan Molinari, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Thomas Manton, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Nita Lowey, Harold Ford, Gary Franks, Michael McNulty, Tony Hall, Edward Markey, Norman Dicks, Christopher Smith, Robert Scott, Sidney Yates, Robert Torricelli, David Bonior, Thomas Petri, Marge Roukema, Michael Patrick Flanagan, Jesse Jackson, Jr., James Walsh, and Pat Danner.