

Dr. Balshi is a recent recipient of the prestigious George Washington Medal of Honor from the National Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA. He was honored for his contributions to dental science through education. The Freedoms Foundation honors Americans whose lives reinforce and exhibit the patriotic values of our country's Founding Fathers.

A former captain in the U.S. Army, 1972 to 1974, Dr. Balshi was chief, department of fixed prosthetics, Mills Army Dental Clinic, Fort Dix, NJ. He received the Army Commendation Medal for Extraordinary Service.

He became a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists in 1976, following graduation from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1972. He is a 1968 graduate of Villanova University.

He served as editor of the International College of Prosthodontists Newsletter for its inaugural 10 years. In this role, he actively participated in establishing worldwide communication among practitioners of his specialty.

Dr. Thomas J. Balshi is commended for his masterful way of blending heart, art, and science to serve those in need.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, as White House National Security Adviser Anthony Lake recently met with the Chinese leaders in Beijing. I believe it is important for Members of Congress to know what the Republic of China's leaders have been thinking about the reunification and other foreign policy issues. The best answers were provided by Mr. John H. Chang, the newly appointed foreign minister of the Republic of China, in a news conference on June 25, 1996, in Taipei.

Minister Chang made essentially the following points: First, the Republic of China will not and should not engage in any reunification talks with Beijing unless the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China enjoy equal international status.

Second, Minister Chang asks the People's Republic of China not to sabotage the Republic of China's diplomatic efforts abroad, otherwise the People's Republic of China will simply hasten the appearance of the "Republic of Taiwan."

Third, Minister Chang hopes that the leaders in Beijing will keep their promise of "Chinese not fighting Chinese" by not derailing the Republic of China's efforts in joining international organizations.

Fourth, Minister Chang stresses that the Republic of China's foreign policy and its mainland policy are of equal importance and priority. Both policies are complementary to each other.

Fifth, the Republic of China, being a sovereign country, has no reason not to pursue its goal of rejoining the United Nations. The campaign to return to the United Nations is only one of the objectives of the Republic of China's government, not the top priority item. Returning to the United Nations is a long-term goal of the government, and at present the Republic of China only requests the United

Nations to set up an ad hoc committee to study the representation case.

Sixth, the Republic of China's diplomatic initiatives are not intended to aggravate or challenge the People's Republic of China. They are intended to create a beneficial environment for the Republic of China to survive internationally, to allow its citizens to live peaceably and to prosper at home and to afford its citizens pride and confidence as they travel abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I believe Minister Chang's June 25 press interview is helpful to our understanding of the latest developments in the Taiwan Strait.

RECOGNIZING A CHALLENGE TO OUR YOUNG LEADERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a special message. Mr. Harold B. Williams, the former secretary of the Cleveland branch NAACP and a retired U.S. Department of Transportation official, recently addressed the Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Idlewild, MI. This speech, which was delivered for the celebration of Black History Month, allowed him to send a message to our bright, young leaders of tomorrow. Mr. Williams reminded the audience that no one can reach the stars alone. He also challenged our youth to blaze their own trails and follow their own paths.

Mr. Williams also reminds us that we are here by the grace of our forefathers. He did a fine job of illuminating this point in his motivating address. Mr. Speaker, I particularly liked Harold Williams' speech because it reminds all young people that it will eventually be their responsibility to nurture, teach, and guide their successors, as well as their colleagues, toward goals which strengthen us as a Nation and a people. It is my hope that my colleagues will read this outstanding speech by Harold Williams and share its invaluable message. I ask that the following address be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A LETTER TO YOUNG AFRICAN AMERICANS
PRESENTED IN OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, FEBRUARY 1996

(By Harold B. Williams)

Go! Go! Young Achievers—Excel to Olympic Heights. Bravo, African Americans of 1996. You are our pride. Come back and take someone with you!

Remember, no person makes it on their own! He or she walks in the footprints of the past. The antecedent of today's progress is found in the powerful energy unleashed generations ago to create today's chemistry for new opportunities.

Remember, young physicians and scientists, Daniel Hale Williams, pioneer in open heart surgery; Charles Drew, blood plasma research; Ben Carson, neurosurgeon, separator of Siamese twins; Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, President of Morehouse College of Medicine; Jocelyn Elders, Surgeon General; Lonnie R. Bristow, President of American Medical Association, and others.

Go! Go! Young people of science. We are proud of you. Choose a cause for African Americans and humanity—health care for

the poor, nutrition for children, hypertension, cancer or AIDS. You can do it. We are counting on you. Come back and take someone with you!

Young attorneys, at the bar of justice you jet from an orbit set by Charles Houston, NAACP counsel, Dean of Howard University Law School; Thurgood Marshall, NAACP counsel, U.S. Supreme Court Justice; William Coleman, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, corporate lawyer, Chairman of NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; Patricia R. Harris, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs, ambassador and corporate lawyer; Johnny Cochran, trial lawyer for defense, and many more.

Go! Go! Young barristers, you successful legal specialist. Welcome to the prestigious law firms of "Able, Best, Class, and Dollar," Reach for a new orbit, guardians of our civil rights. We are proud of you. Bravo! Come back and take someone with you.

Twentieth Century African Americans, captains of business—from door to door salesmen to auto dealerships to international food chains—how impressive! Remember Madam C.J. Walker, entrepreneur of hair products and hair care; John Johnson, publisher of Ebony and Jet Magazines; Robert Maynard, Editor/Publisher, Oakland Tribune, a major U.S. daily newspaper; Reginald Lewis of Beatrice Foods, first African American C.E.O. of a billion dollar corporation; Andrew Brimmer, economist and a former governor of the Federal Reserve Board; Jessie Hill, Chairman, Atlanta Life Insurance Company; and the new breed of diversified investors/proprietors: J. Bruce Llewellyn, Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, chairman ABC T.V., Buffalo N.Y.; Percy Sutton, chairman, Inner City Broadcasting N.Y., past President, Borough of Manhattan; Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and others.

Go! Go! Young Tycoons! There is always room at the top for "BUPPIES," Wall Streeters and super achievers. Go alumni from the University of Entrepreneurial Self Help. We are very, very proud of you! Hats off to you alphabets—Ph.D's, CPA's, JD's, MBA's, etc. Bravo! You are proud of yourselves—You should be. Where would you be without your smarts? But what would you be without the past to use your smarts? Go! Create opportunity, goodwill and Come back and take someone with you!

African American artists—Our first frontier of interracial progress, we are proud and happy with your accomplishments. You are our hope for the future. Remember Marian Anderson, Metropolitan opera diva and concert artist; Scott Joplin, composer; Josephine Baker, international singer and entertainer; Paul Robeson, concert artist and actor; W.C. Handy, composer of "St. Louis Blues"; Lena Horne, actress and singer, Katherine Dunham, dance and choreographer; Sidney Poitier, actor; Spike Lee, producer; Quincy Jones, musician, composer, arranger; James Earl Jones, actor; Barry Gordy, founder and chairman of Motown Records; Whitney Houston, singer; Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, husband and wife actor and actress and producers. Remember the Great Duke Ellington! And many, many others who left the stage door open and the lights on.

Go! Go! Young artists (no stereotypes!) Win your Pulitzers for writing and your Image, Emmy and Oscar awards for drama, comedy, classical music, Broadway song and dance. Bravo! Young electronic media performers, writers, sculptors, painters and poets. Leave the stage door open and the lights on—Come back and take someone with you!

African American statesmen and other persona are gifted and respected individuals upon our horizons—from Privates to Admirals and Generals—from Annapolis, West

Point and Tuskegee—from the battlefield of Bunkerhill and ships at Pearl Harbor, African American patriotism and bravery is legendary.

Listen closely young African Americans to this roll call: Colonel Charles Young; Brigadier General B.O. Davis, Sr.; Lieutenant General B.O. Davis, Jr.; Four Star General Daniel "Chappie" James; Admiral Samuel Gravelly, U.S. Navy; Colin Powell, Four Star General, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and proposed President candidate.

Go!Go! Young soldiers and sailors. Earn your stripes, bars, eagles and stars. Reach for the top brass. You can do it!

African American statesmen and international achievers of rare distinction are our authentic heroes. Remember Ralph J. Bunch, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, Awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize; Donald McHenry, Ambassador to the United Nations; Andrew J. Young, Ambassador to the United Nations; Ruth Simmons, President of Smith College; Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women; Ronald McNair, physicist, astronaut, perished in space exploration; Mae Jemison, M.D., first Afro-American in space exploration; Alex Haley, author of *Roots*; Ron Brown, Chairman, Democratic National Committee, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Marion Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund; Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, boxers; Benjamin Mays, theologian, President of Morehouse College; Samuel Proctor, President, Virginia Union University, theologian, Boston and Duke University Divinity Schools; Franklin Thomas, President, Ford Foundation; Toni Morrison, novelist and awardee of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Go!Go! You super high chargers! There is no limit on what you can accomplish. There are new words to conquer. Always questions in search of answers. Give it your very best! Come back and take someone with you!

The African American political legacy, a chronicle of Elan Vital, fifty years of precedent setters, who have progressed from ward leaders to mayors, to State Houses, to the U.S. Congress. They are the unmatchedables of their time. Remember Adam Clayton Powell, Congressman from Harlem; Eddie Brooke, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman from Brooklyn; Carl B. Stokes, Mayor of Cleveland, Ambassador; Louis Stokes, Congressman from Cleveland and Chairman of U.S. House Assassination Committee; Barbara Jordan, attorney, Congresswoman from Houston, Texas and professor of government; Carol Mosely-Braun, U.S. Senator from Illinois; Tom Bradley, 20-year Mayor of Los Angeles; Willie Brown, Speaker, State Assembly of California and Mayor of San Francisco; William Gray, III, Congressman from Philadelphia and Chairman, U.S. House Budget Committee, President, United Negro College Fund; Douglas Wilder, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Kewesi Mfume, Congressman from Baltimore, Chairman of Congressional Black Caucus, President of the NAACP, and many illustrious others.

Young African American politicians, you have an amazing legacy. Big Boots? 'Yes, try them on—in success. One size fits all; no problem. You can do it! New political gerrymandered district lines, Plessy/Ferguson mentality, Christian "Wrong" Coalition and Affirmative Action reversals are mandates to go and scale the mountains of hypocrisy. Climb! Progress is like a pyramid—each block at the base makes possible many more on the way up. Hang in there, intrepid ones! Climb down and take someone back with you!

African American Revolutionaries for change are keepers of the Covenant of Free-

dom, torch lighters and standard bearers for the fearless marching feet of souls in the army of Justice. The rolls are too numerous to call, but their record is enshrined in memory—ink and blood. Forget them not!

Remember Richard Allen, founder of the AME Church; Nat Turner, insurrectionist; Harriet Tubman, Engineer underground Railroad; Frederick Douglass, abolitionist writer and orator, Daniel Payne, Founder of Wilberforce University, first African American institution of higher education, Bishop, AME Church W.E.B. Dubois, founder NAACP, expatriate; Reverdy C. Ransom, Niagara Movement, leader hiring of first Black policeman in New York City, Bishop AME Church; Mary M. Bethune, educator, founder, Bethune Cookman College; Marcus Garvey, self help and back to Africa movement; A. Phillip Randolph, founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, father of Black protest marches on Washington and Chair of NAACP National Labor and Industry Committee; Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of NAACP; Joseph Gomez, pastor, lecturer, philosopher, bishop, AME Church; Jackie Robinson, barrier breaker, major league baseball, do-chairman, NAACP life membership committee; Rosa Parks, member, AME Church, NAACP youth council adviser and mother of the civil rights movement; Robert Williams, President, Union County, North Carolina NAACP, founder and president of People's Association for Human Rights; Jesse Jackson, founder of PUSH, Presidential candidate; Myrlie Evers-Williams, chairperson, NAACP; Harry Moore, slain NAACP official in Florida; Edgar Evers, slain NAACP Field Secretary in Mississippi; Malcolm X, slain Muslim leader; Martin Luther King, Jr., slain leader of the civil rights movement, Preident of SCLC, awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize and many, many more.

Go! Go! You, young African Americans—Excel! Lead on, you new keepers of the Covenant. Be fearless, honest to your African American heritage—speak up for justice, protect the weak, banish poverty of the spirit, pursue protest with diligence and strengthen your religious faith. You can do it! Go, super charger achievers! We are counting on you! Come back and take someone with you!

Young African Americans—The past is an encyclopedia of redeemable legacies, not just a record of subjugation, but a call to fulfill an ancient pledge given to each generation to make its payment to justice and destiny.

Keep the faith, young African Americans! Charge onward and upward and take someone with you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 347, the Allard amendment, which would eliminate \$5 million in appropriations for the Technology Administration which develops and promotes politics and programs that facilitate private sector innovations, I was unavoidably detained on official business with staff members of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the legislative session on Tuesday, July 23. President Clinton was my guest in my congressional district. The President made import announcements concerning privatization efforts at McClellan Air Force Base, and my proper place on Tuesday was with my constituents and the President.

But I very much wanted to be present for the unanimous vote on the Food Quality Protection Act, H.R. 1627. Had I been present, I would have supported a unanimous House in voting to approve this important legislation.

H.R. 1627 is a significant leap forward on an issue critical to the future of agriculture production in the United States.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 1627 in this Congress and similar legislation in past congresses, and I have recently supported efforts to move this legislation forward during this session.

Many people thought that was an impossibility for several reasons. They said the 104th Congress is too partisan. They said the issues were too complex. They said no balance could be found between the health and safety of our people and the needs of our growers and others in agriculture.

But I felt all along that there was common ground. I felt we could set strong health standards and provide consumers with the information they need to make informed choices. I felt we could update the Delaney clause while preserving food safety for our citizens.

The unanimity of both the Commerce Committee and now the House demonstrates that we could indeed achieve that balance. This overwhelming support is indicative of a spirit sometimes lacking in our deliberations on other important issues, and I hope the spirit is catching.

The compromise legislation replaces the zero residue standard for raw and processed foods with one that protects consumer health. Safety standard would ensure that pesticide residues on both raw and processed foods pose no reasonable risk of harm.

Yet our growers have assurance that they can continue to use pesticides critical to domestic food production. And there will be more leeway for our companies who are developing the products of the future that will help us continue to produce the most abundant and affordable food supply in the world.

In addition, by creating a reasonable health-based national standard, uniformity is achieved that will facilitate commerce across our country. Manufacturers, suppliers and others engaged in supplying pesticides for agricultural production can do so with full knowledge of all applicable standards and regulations.

Perhaps most importantly, this bill protects our children. By treating our children and their eating habits as the special cases they are, even stricter safety rules are permitted to protect kids during critical stages of development.

In short, this bill is a "win-win" situation for our farmers and others involved in food production, and for all Americans who depend on