

anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. Currently, the Initiative has active, committed groups on six continents, and they will hold some 15 regional conferences during the coming 18 months. They are committed to the inclusion of youth, women and indigenous traditions as full partners in this effort.

One key initial project of the Initiative is a call for twenty-four hours of non-violence and making peace among faith communities on December 31st, 1999. Organized through a large partnership of supporting organizations, this call will invite people around the world to one day of individual and community reflection, repentance, and resolution to offer each faith's deepest values as a gift for the new millennium. The logistical challenges of such an immense project are daunting; on the other hand, the overriding vision is that for this one day, the global hope of a United Religions could actually become a lived reality.

A United Religions would have much to offer the world as we move into the next millennium. Where economic and political solutions by themselves have proved inadequate, it could offer deeper, value-based visions of global possibility. It could directly address many of those deeper problems which are beyond the capabilities of government. Most importantly, as we move into an uncertain future, a United Religions could offer the world a powerful new vision of hope—the vision that the deepest stories we know can now cease to be causes of separation between people, and become instead the foundation for a reunited humanity.

HONORING REGINALD B. ALLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievement of Reginald B. Allen, Jr. His dedication to the city of New York, and the country has proven incomparable.

For 26 years, Mr. Allen served as a gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Mr. Allen also served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts before retiring from service in 1980. Mr. Allen has worked hard to improve the lives of fellow veterans, he was appointed by Mayor Edward I. Koch to the Veterans Advisory Board of New York City's Office of Veterans Affairs and the New York Korean Veterans Memorial Commission. Presently, he is a member of the New York State Senate's Veterans Advisory Council.

Mr. Allen has always been committed to bringing vital services to the people of New York City. After joining the Addiction Services Agency as a supervising addiction specialist, Mr. Allen has supervised the Court Referral Project to the Kings County Criminal Court and has supervised drug specialists who referred addicts and abusers to programs for treatment in place of incarceration. Currently, he is a supervisor for the Food Stamps Program of the Human Resources Agency. Clearly, our district has only benefited from his tireless efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the Council of the City of New York have honored Mr. Allen with a proclamation; I join them in congratulating Mr. Reginald Allen for all of his years of service.

“ROFEH INTERNATIONAL CONTINUES ITS EXCELLENT WORK”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to continue what has become for me an important tradition—recognizing here the great work done by ROFEH International, a project sponsored by the New England Chassidic Center located in Brookline, MA. ROFEH International, like the New England Chassidic Center, is led by Grand Rabbi Levi Horowitz, known as the Bostoner Rebbe.

In addition to his religious leadership and scholarship, Rabbi Horowitz has become an expert in the field of medicine, and especially of medical ethics. His work on medical ethics is widely consulted, and as befits a religious leader who is dedicated to the welfare of others, Rabbi Horowitz has put the concept of medical ethics to work in a very important way through ROFEH International. ROFEH exists to help people from all over the world get access to first rate medical care which they would not otherwise have. Bringing people who could not otherwise afford it to Boston to be treated at the outstanding medical institutions which are so important in our metropolitan area is extraordinarily important work, and it is a concept which Rabbi Horowitz and his colleagues in ROFEH pioneered and have implemented brilliantly.

On November 23, 1997, a dinner will be held in Boston to celebrate the work of ROFEH, and this year, as in the past, the dinner will pay tribute to two particularly outstanding individuals. These two men are Dr. Benjamin Rabinovici and Dr. Andrew L. Warshaw.

The 1997 Man of the Year, Dr. Benjamin Rabinovici was born in Romania. He studied at the well known Vizhinitzer Yeshiva where he granted S'micha. Following his years at the Yeshiva he went to the Polytechnic University of Bucharest where he graduated with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. When he immigrated to the United States in 1951, he continued his education at Columbia University where he received an M.S. degree in electrical engineering and the degree of Ph.D. in applied physics.

Dr. Rabinovici held senior scientific and managerial positions at CBS Laboratories, RCA, IBM and Honeywell. He left Honeywell for an academic appointment as professor of electrical engineering and computer science at Northeastern University. He published extensively in scientific and technical journals, holds numerous patents, and is a senior member of IEEE, American Physical Society, and New York Academy of Science.

Dr. Rabinovici is president and CEO of International Microwave Corp. and Tympanium Corp. He is founder and director of Parlex Corp. and is a trustee of Natick Village Investments. He is also in a number of Jewish organizations and is a trustee of Maimonides School.

Joining Dr. Rabinovici as an honoree is Dr. Andrew L. Warshaw who will receive the coveted Harry Andler Memorial Award.

Dr. Andrew L. Warshaw was born in New York. He received his A.B. from Harvard College, Cambridge, MA, (cum laude) and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, Boston,

MA, (magna cum laude). Dr. Warshaw fulfilled his surgical internships and residencies at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA.

Dr. Warshaw is the recipient of many awards including a Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha and the Good Physician Award of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Dr. Andrew L. Warshaw is one of the world's leading surgeons and is internationally renowned for his care of patients and research in pancreatic disease. He is surgeon-in-chief and chairman of the Department of Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA.

Dr. Warshaw has served on many major committees. Amongst them are the Committee on Research, chairman of the Massachusetts General Staff Associates Executive Board, Operating Room Advisory Committee, chairman of the Committee on Future of Department of Surgery, Head, Pancreatic Cancer Study Group, Disease Focused Care Management Expert Team for Pancreatic Cancer, chairman of the Executive Committee for Operations Improvement Implementation (GI Surgery), Massachusetts General Hospital and director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Gastrointestinal Cancer Center.

Dr. Warshaw is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, American College of Surgeons, chairman, Membership Committee, Halsted Society, president of the New England Surgical Society (1993–1994); co-president-elect, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (1996); president elect, International Association of Pancreatology (1996).

Dr. Warshaw has authored and co-authored many peer reviewed articles and books. Many of the doctor's articles have been published in leading medical books and journals.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to share with my colleagues and the country the record of this excellent organization and the biographies of the two men they so justly honor.

HONORING CPL. HECTOR A. SOMOZA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Corp. Hector A. Somoza, a U.S. Marine, who proudly serves and defends this great Nation. Following his family's distinguished patriotism, Corp. Hector A. Somoza has served in a honorable manner with the U.S. Marine Corps for 3 years, and most recently as a maintenance management clerk at the basic school, Quantico, VA.

Cpl. Hector A. Somoza, son of Jose D. Somoza a former sergeant in the armed forces of El Salvador, was born on July 25, 1974, in San Miguel, El Salvador. He immigrated into the United States in 1992 and attended Wakefield High School in Arlington, VA. In 1994 after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon his graduation from recruit training, at Parris Island SC, and after completing Marine combat training in the school of infantry, North Carolina, he was assigned to the 12th Marines. Third Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan as a basic electrician. During his tour in Okinawa he participated in the exercise, “Fire Dragon '95,” which took place in Mount Fuji, mainland

Japan. Next he was assigned to the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico.

After completing his third year of service in the military's most elite branch of service, and on behalf of a grateful Nation, we take this opportunity to award Cpl. Hector A. Somoza with the good conduct medal. It is an honor to pay tribute to a young man who continues to serve this Nation with distinction.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE RALPH W. YARBOROUGH OF TEXAS

HON. HENRY B. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, the recently concluded regular session of the 75th Texas Legislature adopted, and the Governor then signed, House Concurrent Resolution No. 318, in memory of the Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough, who represented the great State of Texas in the U.S. Senate from April 1957, when he was elected to fill an unexpired term, until he departed elective office in January of 1971.

I am the only remaining member of the Texas delegation who had the privilege of serving with the late Senator Yarborough in the U.S. Congress, an honor which I had for more than 9 full years.

As the dean of my State's delegation, and as one who deeply admired and respected the Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough, I would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to this champion of the common citizen and outstanding public servant by having placed in the RECORD the full text of the Texas Legislature's House Concurrent Resolution No. 318, which is here attached:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 318

Whereas, the passing of the Honorable Ralph Webster Yarborough on January 27, 1996, at the age of 92, brought a great loss to the family and many friends of this distinguished native Texan and former member of the United States Senate; and

Whereas, he was born in 1903 in Chandler and attended Sam Houston State College and the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; after teaching school for three years, he enrolled in The University of Texas School of Law, graduating from that institution with honors in 1927; and

Whereas, a specialist in land law, he went on to become an assistant attorney general and, in a landmark case, helped to secure for the State's permanent school fund the interest money on nearly 4,000,000 acres of land; he was a respected jurist as well and served as a district judge in Austin before becoming a presiding judge over 30 counties in Central Texas; and

Whereas, like many of his generation, Senator Yarborough proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army, and he rose through the ranks of the military to become a lieutenant colonel; after the war ended, he was named military governor of Japan's Honshu Province, and his valor and meritorious service throughout his military career earned him both the Bronze Star and the Battle Star; and

Whereas, in addition to his remarkable contributions in these areas, Senator Yar-

borough will be well remembered for his outstanding career in the United States Senate; he first won election to that office in April of 1957 and went on to serve his State, and nation with the utmost integrity and distinction for 13 years; and

Whereas, Senator Yarborough was inspired by the goals advocated in President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930's and 1940's; he truly envisioned himself as the people's servant and was dedicated to restoring fairness, justice, and economic opportunity for all Americans; indeed, shortly before the November 22, 1963, assassination in Dallas, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy said of the prolific federal legislator: "Ralph Yarborough speaks for Texas in the United States Senate, and he also speaks for our nation, and he speaks for progress for our people;" and

Whereas, a staunch advocate of equal rights, he earned further distinction as the only Southern senator to vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1964; he chaired the Labor and Public Welfare Committee and sponsored or actively supported nearly every piece of legislation in President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society programs of the 1960's; and

Whereas, Senator Yarborough's experience as a teacher fostered his abiding commitment to public education; he was instrumental in the creation of the country's first Bilingual Education Act, and as the sponsor of a Cold War GI Bill, he helped to extend education benefits to 5,000,000 veterans; and

Whereas, this illustrious statesman further enhanced the quality of life of his fellow citizens through his work on health care and social security legislation, and his involvement extended to the area of natural resources as well, for he helped to preserve the beauty of the South Texas coast by authoring legislation establishing the Padre Island National Seashore and many other national parks and preserves in the state; and

Whereas, firmly believing that every human being is best viewed as an asset, rather than as a liability, this renowned lawmaker's philosophy was quaintly summarized by his frequently-expressed hope that "... the jam be kept on the lower shelf so the little people can reach it . . ."; and

Whereas, Ralph Yarborough further contributed to the political culture of our country by inspiring those who have followed in his footsteps, and he has left behind a legacy of outstanding achievements that will endure in the hearts and minds of future generations for many years to come; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 75th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 1997, hereby honor the memory of former United States Senator Ralph Webster Yarborough and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his beloved wife, Opal Warren Yarborough; to his brother, Donald V. Yarborough; to his sisters, Nell Yarborough Mallet and Margaret Yarborough Pickett; to his three grandchildren; and to the many other friends and relatives of this eminent public official; and, be it further

Resolved, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of the Honorable Ralph Webster Yarborough.

HONORING COUNCILMAN ENOCH H. WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Councilman Enoch Williams.

While attending the needs of a racially and ethnically diverse constituency, Mr. Williams has been a member of the New York City Council, representing the 41st Councilmanic District, since 1978. Prior to entering elective office, Mr. Williams served as the executive director of the Housing Development Corporation of the Council of Churches of New York City. He was also a community-organization specialist in the now-famous Youth-in-Action, Inc. anti-poverty agency, where he developed the skill of working with community groups, guiding them to create housing and employment in the innercity.

While making important strides in his role as a councilman, Enoch has managed to contribute to his community in other meaningful ways. Currently, he is the civilian director of the New York City region of the Selective Service System. He is a member of the American Institute of Housing Consultants, the Community Service Society, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League, and the Unity Democratic Club. In addition, the councilman served as an elected delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention, having served in the same capacity in 1968 and 1972. He also served as Democratic district leader from 1986 to 1994.

As a veteran, Major General Williams has again proven his commitment to his country. He was appointed Commander of the New York Guard in 1990. After serving as an enlisted member during World War II, General Williams earned his commission in 1950, and has enjoyed over 30 years of active service. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, both the Bronze and Silver, and Silver Selective Service System Meritorious Service Medals. He retired in June 1995 as Commander of the New York Guard, with the rank of major general.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Councilman Enoch Williams for all of his years of faithful service to his country and to the 41st Councilmanic District of Brooklyn, New York.

NATIONAL ELECTION FAIRNESS ACT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, without question, a fundamental necessity of our republican form of government is the participation of citizens in the electoral process. Today, across America, millions of voters will go to the polls and select their Representatives in Congress, the Governor's mansion, or their city council. These choices are extremely important and should enjoy the benefit of the collective wisdom of all citizens.