

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM LINCER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday May 1, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Lincer, an outstanding gentleman and renowned musician, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

William Lincer, violinist and teacher, was born in Brooklyn in 1907. At the age of 5, he began to study the viola and 2 years later gave his first recital. He was a member of the Gordon String Quartet, the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, and for 30 years, the principal violist of the New York Philharmonic. In 1969, William Lincer was named professor of viola and chamber music at the Juilliard School of Music, a position from which he only recently retired.

His work as a soloist and teacher has been recognized by awards from the New York Herald Tribune, the American String Teachers Association, and the New York Viola Society. It is a tribute to his skill and commitment as a teacher that many of his students hold positions in orchestras and chamber groups and teaching positions throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting William Lincer. He has made a great contribution to music in America and it is with gratitude that we honor him.

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HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I am increasingly concerned about our Nation becoming a nation of men, not a nation of laws.

I am not alone in this concern. Paul Craig Roberts, one of the best columnists in the country, expressed his own concern in a recent Op Ed in the Washington Times. This is not a partisan issue, Mr. Speaker, but one involving the constitutional prerogatives of the House. I am not concerned if certain members of the executive branch dislike us. But they will respect the offices we hold and the institution in which we serve.

In the hopes that more Members will become more sensitive to the contempt in which this House is treated, I proudly place the Roberts article in today's RECORD.

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(By Paul Craig Roberts)

Who would have dreamed that a U.S. citizen could return home from a visit to South America and feel that he had come back to a less ethical political system? But that's just the way I feel after my return from Chile.

A person must strain to find any shred of propriety anywhere in the Clinton Administration. Consider:

Attorney General Janet Reno stonewalls the U.S. Congress and refuses to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the illegal campaign contributions that poured into Mr. Clinton's re-election from foreigners seeking to control U.S. policy.

Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has been so thoroughly stonewalled by the Clinton administration and by witnesses protecting the Clintons that he has had to request an extension of the term of the grand jury that is investigating such felonies as perjury, obstruction of justice, concealment and destruction of evidence, and intimidation of witnesses. In his statement to the federal court, which granted the extension, Mr. Starr reported that the conduct of his investigation has been delayed "by a failure of persons and/or entities to make timely or complete production of documents pursuant to grand jury subpoena," that persons and entities have resisted compliance with grand jury subpoenas "even in the face of a motion to compel by the Independent Counsel," that "witnesses and entities have refused to be interviewed and/or to produce documents voluntarily" without subpoenas, and that witnesses seeking to avoid testimony have asserted privileges that "are unfounded and invalid."

What Mr. Starr's language means is that the Clinton administration is stonewalling the legal system of the United States, just as Caligula laughed at Roman law or what was left of it. Mr. Clinton is striving mightily to establish that he is above the law, and so far he is succeeding. He has even used the power of his office to evade a civil suit for sexual harassment.

Scandal follows scandal with such rapidity that the public cannot keep up. Whatever happened, for example, to Resolution Trust Corp. official John E. Ryan, who squashed his agency's investigation of the Whitewater banking scandal three years ago? Investigators and their supervisors testified before Congress that this was indeed the fact and produced tape recordings and other evidence of a coverup designed to protect the Clintons. Apparently, the coverup succeeded, because everyone was soon distracted by the next scandal.

Last November the Democrats stole (at least) two elections to the U.S. Congress, one in Louisiana and one in California. Republican Robert Dornan lost the California race by 984 votes. Orange County District Attorney Michael Capizzi has found that a single "immigrant rights" group (funded with \$35 million in taxpayers' money) registered 890 noncitizens in the county and that most of them voted. California's secretary of state has also found hundreds of illegal voters and asked the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for help in checking the voter rolls.

INS on orders from Washington not only refused any help in identifying illegal voters but also refused to comply with court-ordered subpoenas. Loretta Sanchez, the beneficiary of the illegal votes, also refuses to comply with a congressional subpoena for documents.

The INS and Loretta Sanchez, although not as powerful as the president, are having equal success in stonewalling Congress.

Republicans can be stonewalled because they are intimidated by the Democrats' audacity. Republicans simply do not know

what to do when their opponents refuse to follow the rules. It presents them with a conflict that is too big for them to handle. They are embarrassed for their opponents, and they shy away from facing down such defiance of law. Republicans pretend that something less is happening, and they look to make a deal so they can "move on."

The media also shield the Clintons. Unable any longer to deny the appearance of impropriety, the media have turned it into a joke. The corruption has become something to laugh at, not to be serious about. Anyone who decries President Clinton's ethics is told it is unsophisticated to expect a bubba-boy from the South to be any different. Not even Yale and Oxford can turn a pig's ear into a silk purse; so what's the big deal?

But there is a big deal—the rule of law and the accountability of the executive. The rule of law is being shredded, and the precedent is being established that a Democratic president favored by the media is not accountable to a Republican Congress. The Republicans who are allowing this to happen are far greater villains than the Clintons.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE HALL OF FAME RUN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 19th Annual Bronx Community College Hall of Fame Run, a 10-kilometer race sponsored by Bronx Community College. This year's race will be held on May 3 starting from Bronx Community College in my congressional district of the South Bronx, NY.

The Hall of Fame Run was established in 1979 under the leadership of former Bronx Community College president Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., and continues under the presidency of Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams. The race brings together runners of all ages from the five boroughs of New York City to compete in a wholesome community event.

The run was named after the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, a national landmark established in 1900 to honor the achievements of men and women in science, the arts, humanities, business, and government. This beautiful landmark, designed by architect Stanford White, features a granite colonnade containing the bronze busts of 97 distinguished Americans.

This year will mark my 16th year of participation in Bronx Community College Hall of Fame Run and I am thrilled to be part of this annual spring ritual. The event, which was originally a 10-kilometer race, now includes a 10-kilometer walk and a 2-mile fitness walk.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Bronx Community College Hall of Fame Run in its 19th year of uniting the community through healthy competition.

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