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HONORING THE PRICES ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data are undeniable: Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Pauline and Larry Price of St. Louis, MO, who on November 12, 1997, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Prices' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER BLOCKING SUDANESE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND PROHIBITING TRANSACTIONS WITH SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 79

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b), I hereby report to the Congress that I have exercised my statutory authority to declare that the policies of the Government of Sudan constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and to declare a national emergency to deal with the threat.

Pursuant to this legal authority, I have blocked Sudanese governmental assets in the United States. I have also prohibited certain transactions, including the following: (1) the importation into the United States of any goods or services of Sudanese origin, other than information or informational materials; (2) the exportation or reexportation to Sudan of any nonexempt goods, technology, or services from the United States; (3) the facilitation by any United States person of the exportation or reexportation of goods, technology, or services from Sudan to any destination, or to Sudan from any destination; (4) the performance by any United States person of any contract, including a financing contract, in support of an industrial, commercial, public utility, or governmental project in Sudan; (5) the grant or extension of credits or loans by any United States person to the Government of Sudan; and (6) any transaction by any United States person relating to transportation of cargo to, from, or through Sudan, or by Sudanese vessel or aircraft.

We intend to license only those activities that serve U.S. interests. Transactions necessary to conduct the official business of the United States Government and the United Nations are exempted. This order and subsequent licenses will allow humanitarian, diplomatic, and journalistic activities to continue. Other activities may be considered for licensing on a case-by-case basis based on their merits. We will continue to permit regulated transfers of fees and stipends from the Government of Sudan to Sudanese students in the United States. Among the other activities we may consider licensing are those permitting American citizens resident in Sudan to make payments for their routine living expenses, including taxes and utilities; the importation of certain products unavailable from other sources, such as gum arabic; and products to ensure civilian aircraft safety.

I have decided to impose comprehensive sanctions in response to the Sudanese government's continued provision of sanctuary and support for terrorist groups, its sponsorship of regional insurgencies that threaten neighboring governments friendly to the United States, its continued prosecution of a devastating civil war, and its abysmal human rights record that includes the denial of religious freedom and inadequate steps to eradicate slavery in the country.

The behavior of the Sudanese government directly threatens stability in the region and poses a direct threat to the people and interests of the United States. Only a fundamental change in Sudan's policies will enhance the peace and security of people in the United States, Sudan, and around the world. My Administration will continue to work with the Congress to develop the most effective policies in this regard.

The above-described measures, many of which reflect congressional concerns, will immediately demonstrate to

the Sudanese government the seriousness of our concern with the situation in that country. It is particularly important to increase pressure on Sudan to engage seriously during the current round of negotiations taking place now in Nairobi. The sanctions will also deprive the Sudanese government of the material and financial benefits of conducting trade and financial transactions with the United States.

The prohibitions set forth in this order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m., eastern standard time, November 4, 1997, and shall be transmitted to the Congress and published in the *Federal Register*. The Executive order provides 30 days in which to complete trade transactions with Sudan covered by contracts that predate the order and the performance of preexisting financing agreements for those trade initiatives.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 3, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2107. An act making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated.

POM-296. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warren, Michigan relative to global climate change; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-297. A resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Benton County, Iowa relative to the English language; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-298. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the Twenty-Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1219. A bill to require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins (Rept. No. 105-132).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 651. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-133).

H.R. 652. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-134).

H.R. 848. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-135).

H.R. 1184. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-136).

H.R. 1217. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-137).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 858. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities (Rept. No. 105-138).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 759. A bill to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity.

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 1258. A bill to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran.

S. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCain, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Duncan T. Moore, of New York to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Arthur Bienenstock, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Raymond G. Kammer, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Terry D. Garcia, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following-named individual for appointment as a permanent regular officer in the United States Coast Guard in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S. Code, section 211:

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

Whitney L. Yelle, 6516

The following-named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the U.S. Coast Guard under title 14, United States Code, section 271:

To be lieutenant commander

Thomas Flora, 1977

Alfredo T. Soriano, 3245

William E. Thompson, 5963

Allen B. Cleveland, 5661

Timothy M. Fitzpatrick, 1834

Michael J. Kelly, 6895

Peter W. Seaman, 3947

William P. Green, 4602

John R. Turley, 8780

Markus D. Dausses, 4313

John L. Bragaw, 3661

Glenn L. Gebele, 4212

Michael S. Sabellico, 8701

Laura H. O'Hare, 6357

Susan K. Vukovich, 5076

Craig O. Fowler, 3715

Daniel S. Cramer, 3202

John J. Metcalf, 4539

Steven J. Reynolds, 9836

Sean M. Mahoney, 1321

Kevin J. McKenna, 1964

Christopher E. Alexander, 5686

James W. Sebastian, 9852

Han Kim, 8423

Phyllis E. Blanton, 3093

Andrew C. Palmiotto, 5986

Matthew K. Creelman, 5359

Caleb Corson, 9543

Marc H. Nguyen, 3884

Cynthia L. Stowe, 7198

Charles Jennings, 1640

Mary J. Sohlberg, 2583

John F. Maloney, 3275

Craig T. Hoskins, 3608

James P. McLeod, 2174

Raymond D. Hunt, 2465

Kenneth V. Fordham, 7677

Jon S. Kellams, 7003

Keith M. Smith, 5923

Donna L. Cottrell, 3421

James W. Crowe, 1207

Peter D. Conley, 7522

Kelly L. Kachele, 6708

Scott A. Buttrick, 5681

Janet R. Florey, 8250

Melissa A. Bulkley, 2351

James H. Whitehead, 0654

William R. Kelly, 6357

Jason Lyuke, 0055

John M. Danaher, 2841

John E. Boris, 1322

Mark D. Berkeley, 7271

Richard A. Sandoval, 8247

Charles M. Greene, 6480

Brian P. Hall, 4972

Eric P. Christensen, 7911

Ronald J. Haas, 3994

Mark D. Wallace, 5429

Matthew C. Stanley, 7668

Frank G. DeLeon, 6529

Rod D. Lubasky, 9808

Darcy D. Guyant, 1335

Perry S. Huey, 7794

Donald F. Potter, 4090

Kevin M. Balderson, 0693

Patrick Flynn, 2133

Wayne A. Stacey, 8485

Patrick G. McLaughlin, 5268

Wayne C. Conner, 1137

Jeffrey S. Phelps, 3423

Michael G. Bloom, 4211

Roger D. Mason, 5022

Michael W. Duggan, 1775

Bruce E. Graham, 1599
 Lamberto D. Sazon, 2681
 Henry D. Kocevar, 1869
 Bruce D. Henson, 6391
 Sean A. McBrearty, 1878
 Robert C. Wilson, 9887
 Gary L. Bruce, 9690
 Jim L. Munro, 7204
 Kevin P. Frost, 8805
 Robert D. Kirk, 4164
 William L. Stinehour, 6022
 Scott B. Varco, 9386
 Dawayne R. Penberthy, 6652
 Keith R. Bills, 8588
 Richard K. Woolford, 7374
 Timothy A. Orner, 9409
 Douglas M. Gordon, 0133
 James D. Jenkins, 5482
 Larry D. Bowling, 8411
 Drew J. Trousdell, 8260
 Scott W. Bornemann, 8846
 Paul A. Titcombe, 8636
 William M. Drelling, 2198
 Kristin A. Williams, 5974
 John E. Hurst, 6443
 Kevin D. Camp, 6677
 Steven W. Poore, 5565
 Arthur R. Thomas, 4799
 Thomas E. Cafferty, 6049
 Jeffrey A. Reeves, 2042
 Ronald L. Hensel, 9354
 Marc P. Lebeau, 7776
 Barry O. Arnold, 5817
 Samuel Short, 7633
 Gary E. Bracken, 7885
 David C. Hartt, 7003
 Richard T. Gatlin, 3552
 Joseph P. Kelly, 5257
 Eric V. Walters, 6027
 Corey J. Jones, 7371
 Michael J. Bosley, 7625
 Roger R. Laferriere, 6326
 John G. Keeton, 9728
 Robert S. Young, 5588
 John J. Dolan, 7454
 Alan W. Carver, 4858
 Leonard C. Greig, 6456
 David A. Walker, 2710
 David L. Hartley, 7876
 Michael A. Megan, 3989
 William J. Boeh, 3490
 Stewart M. Dietrick, 7750
 Thomas Tardibuono, 7928
 John E. Souza, 8253
 Timothy J. Heitsch, 1634
 Julie A. Gahn, 4521
 Donald E. Culkun, 4485
 Byron L. Black, 7990
 James E. Hanzalik, 0191
 Kurt A. Sebastian, 8559
 Gregory J. Sanial, 8158
 Frank R. Parker, 4486
 John A. Healy, 9902
 Tina L. Burke, 2896
 John D. Wood, 6878
 Jan M. Johnson, 7441
 Timothy G. Stueve, 8573
 Keith A. Russell, 1052
 John F. Moriarty, 5799
 Michael P. Ryan, 2670
 John B. Sullivan, 1035
 Larry R. Kennedy, 7449
 Robert P. Hayes, 2250
 Stuart L. Lebruska, 7101
 Christopher J. Meade, 9834
 Charles A. Richards, 8949
 Donald Jillson, 8089
 Charles E. Rawson, 3411
 Janet E. Stevens, 6512
 Christopher D. Nichols, 1626
 Joel D. Slotten, 7105
 Dominic Dibari, 1055
 Stephen P. Czerwonka, 3738
 Kurt C. O'Brien, 0534
 Robert T. McCarty, 6264
 Kevin P. Freeman, 9325
 Joel D. Dolbeck, 5478
 Richard D. Fontana, 5960