

and kind man whose conscientious matter led him to once fill a 43 page opinion with 403 footnotes.

Judge Robinson was bestowed with many honors during his life for his work in civil rights and commitment to community. In his home State of Virginia, the Old Dominion Bar Association gave him its President's Award in 1988. The National Bar Association honored him with its Wiley A. Branton Award in 1993. In 1995, Mr. Robinson was honored in the Virginia Power/North Carolina Power "Strong Men and Women, Excellence in Leadership" educational series. He also received an honorary doctorate of laws in 1986 from New York Law School, for his efforts "to achieve true equality under the law for all Americans" and addressing "the conscience of the nation."

In his personal life, Judge Robinson was an accomplished woodworker and an amateur architect who designed his own split-level home in Richmond. He loved fishing so much that he built his own fishing boat in his basement in 1953 and utilized it for 25 years.

Judge Robinson is survived by his wife, Marian Wilkerson Robinson; a son, Spottswood W. Robinson IV of Richmond; a daughter, Nina Govan of Greenbelt, MD; and a sister, Mrs. Isadore Burke of Freeport, Bahamas.

Judge Spottswood W. Robinson, III, is gone, but his legacy shall remain. His hard work and dedication paved the way for those of us who came after him. As an African-American male, an attorney, and an elected member of this esteemed body, it is incumbent upon me to honor Judge Robinson for allowing me to tread mightily in his footsteps.

DIANE MEDINA'S "COMMUNITY
EXCELLENCE AWARD"

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a leading Hispanic in the entertainment industry, Diane Medina, the Director of Diversity Programs for the Walt Disney Company. Next month, Diane will be honored by the Latino Entertainment Media Institute's Community Excellence Award.

The Latino Entertainment Media Institute is a non-profit organization which follows and speaks to the issue of Hispanics in the entertainment industry. Their theme this year is: "Investing in our Image."

Diane Medina is uniquely qualified for this award. Her entire life she has worked to bring Hispanics into the entertainment industry across a wide swath of opportunities that currently exist. She was born and raised in Southern California, where she has worked in the industry for over 25 years. She worked at ABC in Human Resources and diversity, moving to the Walt Disney Company after they bought ABC.

Walt Disney knew a good thing when they saw it. Diane has immersed herself in the non-profits associated with the industry which advocate a larger inclusion of Hispanics in Hollywood. She sits on boards for the following non-profits dealing with issues pertaining to Hispanics in the entertainment industry: the *Imagen* Foundation, *Nosotros*, *Latino*

Entertainment Media Institute, *National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts*, *Hispanic Academy of Media Arts and Sciences*, the *National Council of La Raza* (host of the *Alma Awards*), and many others.

Just last month during Hispanic Heritage Month events, Diane and I discussed the direction of one of the non profits with whom we both have worked, and, as always, I was impressed with her passion and her commitment to the prospect of including Hispanics in the entertainment industry at all levels, from on-camera talent, to behind-the-camera talent, to the business suites of the studios.

Diane and I share a common philosophy about how to accomplish our goal of getting more Hispanics in the entertainment industry. We both believe that if you appeal to the better angels of those you are trying to convince, you get more done. My grandfather used to tell me that you get more flies with honey than with vinegar.

Diane knows, from her position inside the industry, that if the Hispanic presence is to change, so, too, must the voices doing the presentation. We are both persuaded that the very best way to increase that presence is to approach both the industry and the community with reasoned voices.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Diane for her role in increasing the number of Hispanics throughout the industry, and for being a role model for those who aspire to be part of the entertainment industry.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ who will be retiring from the House of Representatives at the end of this session. As the Dean of the Texas delegation, he has been a remarkable representative for his district, for Texas, and for the entire Nation.

Throughout his career Congressman GONZALEZ has never failed to stand up for the rights of others. For over 40 years, beginning in the Texas legislature and throughout his career in the United States House of Representatives he has stood up for minorities. Moreover, he has continually spoken out for improved educational, economic and housing opportunities for the Nation. His legendary courage to stand by his principles, and singularly take on controversial positions in the national interest are an inspiration to all Americans.

Moreover, we should all be grateful for his skilled leadership as Chairman of the House Banking Committee. His oversight and investigative skills steered our Nation through one of the most serious financial periods of our Nation. Through his insightful and decisive actions he brought about meaningful solutions to the devastating multibillion dollar savings and loan crisis. Additionally, he averted a similar crisis in the banking industry with important legislative reforms with an overhaul of our system of deposit insurance.

Furthermore, as the first Mexican-American Congressional Representative from Texas, he

has been an inspiration for Hispanics and all Americans. He stands as a model of a person having the courage to sometimes stand alone and blaze a new trail in the name of public service. He is an example of the American ideal that one person can truly make a difference. His powerful voice spoke out for the hopes and dreams of millions of Americans, and his level of dedication and commitment is a standard for all Members of Congress.

I am proud to say that I have known Congressman GONZALEZ for many years. I am even more proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him as a Member of the 105th Congress. Congressman GONZALEZ is a person whose strength of character and tenacity I admire and respect.

As he leaves this legislative body, his independent spirit will forever remain in this chamber. We will always remember Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ as a fierce advocate for the highest American ideals. His 37 years of service are filled with distinction and accomplishments, and his constituents can be proud of sending a legendary advocate for his district and for all Americans.

Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ, I wish you well in your future pursuits, and know that you leave a powerful legacy of tirelessly working for the betterment of America.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE
WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS
EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT
OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to support this resolution. I say this not as a Republican, not as a New Yorker, but as a person who loves this great country and all it represents.

Earlier today, the gentleman from New York, Mr. NADLER, stated in essence: "This matter will be the most divisive issue this nation has faced since Vietnam." While I do not question the gentleman from New York's belief that he believes this to be true, I do take exception to the comparison and respectfully disagree. Here is why during the Vietnam war, as has been the case with every war or military conflict since our nation's birth, men and women were sent overseas with a willingness to die for freedom, liberty and to defend the rule of law. In the case before us, the President of the United States has been charged with violating the rule of law that so many Americans have died for and are still willing to die for at a moments notice all over the globe. The same rule of law that we must ensure applies equally to every single American, including the President of the United States.

This matter goes to the very heart and soul of what America is all about. This matter will determine whether we defend the Constitution, or destroy it. I hope and pray that each distinguished Member of this body places America first and that each Member sees through the clouds of rhetoric to uphold the rule of law.