

freedom and democracy, as well as for the impact on the global economy;

Whereas 1.3 billion people—more than the combined population of Europe and North Africa—live in absolute poverty on the equivalent of one U.S. dollar or less a day;

Whereas 1.5 billion people—nearly one-quarter of the world population—lack an adequate supply of clean drinking water or sanitation;

Whereas more than 840 million people—one-fifth of the entire population of the developing world—are hungry or malnourished;

Whereas demographic studies and surveys indicate that at least 120 million married women in the developing world—and a large but undefined number of unmarried women—want more control over their fertility but lack access to family planning;

Whereas this unmet demand for family planning is projected to result in 1.2 billion unintended births;

Whereas the 1994 international Conference on Population and Development determined that political commitment and appropriate programs aimed at providing universal access to voluntary family planning information, education and services can ensure world population stabilization at 8 billion or less rather than 12 billion or more.

Now, therefore, I Howard Dean, Governor of the State of Vermont, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-31, 1998 as World Population Awareness Week, and urge citizens of the State to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observance.

#### SAVE THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION ACT OF 1998

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 4820, the Save the International Space Station Act of 1998. This is a straightforward bill that contains several provisions that will restore accountability to the program while preserving our commitment to our international partners in the Space Station program. More importantly, it lays the groundwork to help prevent future cost growth and schedule delays by putting NASA on a track to solve systemic problems. The bill should be non-controversial. Most members have seen these provisions before. This legislation was drafted around the bipartisan Sensenbrenner-Brown amendment to the Civilian Space Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998 and 1999, which the Committee on Science adopted and the House of Representatives passed last year.

Basically, the bill precludes additional payments to the Russian Space Agency to meet its existing obligations unless Congress concurs that additional payments serve the taxpayer's interest. It requires the Administration to develop a contingency plan and report that plan to Congress for removing each element of the Russian contribution from the critical path for assembling the International Space Station. It does contain two new provisions from the Senate, which were worked out on a bipartisan basis. The first of these new provisions is a total cost cap on the program. The International Space Station has never had a legislatively imposed cap on the total cost of the program before. The Senate has made

such a cap a priority and the bill contains a measure worked out between the Senate and the Administration. The second new provision concerns cross-waiver authority under which NASA will negotiate agreements with other Station partners to reduce our liability to one another in the event of problems with the Space Station. Ultimately, this measure must be passed for the Space Station to be assembled and operated in space.

By passing this bill sooner rather than later, Congress can do its part to contain future cost growth and put this program back on track towards developing and operating a world-class scientific laboratory in space.

#### A TRIBUTE TO H.E.R.O.

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor H.E.R.O., the Philadelphia based non-profit organization which endeavored, and succeeded, to make a positive change in our local community. Their motto, which is "Helping to Energize and Rebuild Ourselves", has become a prophecy fulfilled. They have served a dual role since their inception, gathering teens off the street to participate in positive events, while also helping to ease the pain of those who have suffered great loss.

H.E.R.O. came into the spotlight about two years ago after the Philadelphia community was emotionally torn over the grueling murder of Aimee Willard, a 22 year old star athlete who was killed after leaving a bar in Wayne, PA. In an effort supervised by Dorris Phillips, the assistant director of H.E.R.O., the organization transformed the site of where Aimee's body was found. Instead of allowing this site to remain a source of angst in the community, these volunteers decided to turn it into a source of pride.

They have put in an astounding effort to create a memorial for Aimee. Today, the place where Willard was found is marked by two plastic covered photos of her and a two-foot cross draped with a graduation tassel and rosary, set amid fifteen flower pots. Finding lots of help from neighbors, unions, and various city agencies, H.E.R.O. has assisted in planting a garden, building picnic tables and gazebos, and painting a mural of Aimee which was presented to the Willard family on September 13th of this year.

These contributions cannot go unnoticed. In the wake of tragedy, H.E.R.O. has emerged as an organization that is predicated on positive change in the Philadelphia community. Their success in changing the perceptions of the local youth are typified in the comments of one of its youth volunteers, Eugena Humphrey. As Humphrey stated in an article for the Philadelphia Inquirer, "People always talk bad about it; I know I sometimes do. Maybe if you make one change, other changes will develop." With organizations like H.E.R.O. around, positive change does not remain an intangible dream, but is rather allowed to become a reality. For this, the City of Philadelphia owes its sincerest thanks.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 1998 COLUMBUS DAY HONOREES

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, October 12, 1998, Columbus Day to pay special tribute to the 1998 Hudson County Columbus Day Parade and the Bayonne Columbus Day Parade Honorees.

From the Hudson County Parade: Michael Ricciardone, Parade Chairperson; Guy Catrillo, General Chairman; Nick Fargo, Jr., Grand Marshal; Scott Ring, Honorary Grand Marshal; Reverend James Pagnotta, Italian Clergy of the Year; Lois Shaw, Italian Woman of the Year; Mayor Anthony Russo, Italian Man of the Year; Renee Bettinger, Italian Stateswoman of the Year; Damian Andrisano, Italian Statesman of the Year; Surrogate Donald DeLeo, Italian Diplomat of the Year; Andrew Muscarnerio, Italian Educator of the Year; Peter Varsalona, Italian Veteran of the Year; Patricia Cassidy, Italian Policewoman of the Year; Frank Scarpa, Italian Policeman of the Year; Michael Pierro, Italian Fireman of the Year; Susan Loricchio, Miss Columbus; Glorio Esposito, Recipient of the Special Achievement Award; and Caroline Guarini, Recipient of the Golden Chalice Award.

From the Bayonne Columbus Day Parade: Marie Sestito, Parade Chairperson; Joseph Pelliccio, President, Parade Committee; Matthew Guerra, Grand Marshal; Captain Ralph Scianni, Public Safety Officer of the Year; and Lauren Boch, Miss Columbus.

I thank these men and women for their hard work and dedication. I am honored to have such outstanding individuals residing in my district. I am certain my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to them today.

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM BRADLEY

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to know Tom Bradley and we are all saddened by his death.

People wouldn't, by any stretch of the imagination, think of Tom Bradley as a revolutionary. He was soft-spoken. He was a conciliator. He didn't often show his emotion. And, while he labored hard, he always did so quietly and behind the scenes. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

No other single person, however, did more than Tom Bradley to break with the past and redefine the promise of the future.

Tom's own life marked a string of firsts.

He attended Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles—a majority white school—where he was the first elected black president of Poly's Boys League; he was the first black student inducted into Ephebian, a national honor society; and he was the captain of his school's track team.

When Tom joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940, there were 100 blacks on a force of 4000. When he retired in 1961, he was a lieutenant, the highest rank of any black officer on the force.

Tom was the first black person elected to the Los Angeles City Council and he was Los Angeles' first black mayor.

The truth is I could spend the next hour reciting a list of barriers that Tom broke down. But recognizing that he was a pioneer only tells half the story. His achievements once those barriers were broken tell the rest of it.

Tom served as mayor of Los Angeles for five terms during twenty years of tremendous economic growth, rapid change, and flourishing diversity.

Tom was a terrific mayor and uniquely suited to those times. He was a consensus builder. He never practiced the politics of division. Under his stewardship, Los Angeles became the financial capital of the West Coast. It became a city that valued its multiethnic people and nurtured their entry into the middle class.

Tom was the son of a sharecropper and the grandson of a slave. He experienced the hard existence of the least fortunate of our society in the early twentieth century. From those humble beginnings, he rose to become a leader of one of the most dynamic and prosperous cities of our nation. His story is uniquely American.

I want to express my condolences to Tom's widow, Ethel, and his daughters, Phyllis and Lorraine, during this very sorrowful time.

#### GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

#### HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Geography Awareness Week in Texas. Geography is about knowing where things are. It's about being able to read a map to find your way, calculate the time difference before making a long distance, and even situate a place heard about on the news onto your mental map of the world. But geography is also about understanding why things are located where they are. It offers perspectives and information in understanding ourselves, our relationship to the Earth's resources and our interdependence with other people of the world. By knowing geography, we can see how historical processes and present activities influence people, places and things. Geography education better prepares us to understand, interpret and find our place in this changing world at a time when tools like the Internet take us to every corner of the world with the click of a button.

This year, state geographic alliances across the country, including in my home state of Texas, are celebrating the theme: "People, Places and Patterns: Geography Puts the Pieces Together." The state of Texas has begun the task of improving geographic education by adopting state geography standards, and through the support of the teachers' organization Texas Alliance for Geographic Education, is actively working to implement these standards by disseminating new advances in teaching geography at the kindergarten through senior high level.

November 15th to 21st will be Geography Awareness Week in Texas. I urge residents to recognize the importance of geography, and to work toward the development of geographic knowledge in our schools and communities.

#### ANKARA'S DECISION TO SENTENCE LEYLA ZANA

#### HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my indignation over the decision of the Turkish government to sentence Leyla Zana, the Kurdish parliamentarian who is currently serving a fifteen year sentence, to two additional years in prison as a blatant violation of the freedom of expression and an insult to her supporters worldwide.

This time, the Turkish authorities charge that Leyla Zana broke the law in a letter she wrote to the People Democracy Party (HADEP) to urge them to be forthcoming, diligent, decisive and to push for individual and collective freedoms. The fact that Leyla Zana has been charged with inciting racial hatred reveals that Turkey is a racist state and continues to deny the Kurds a voice in the state.

As my colleagues know, Leyla Zana is the first Kurdish woman ever elected to the Turkish parliament. She won her office with more than 84% of the vote in her district and brought the Turkish Grand National Assembly a keen interest for human rights and conviction that the Turkish war against the Kurds must come to an end. Last year, 153 members of this body joined together and signed a letter to President Bill Clinton urging him to raise Leyla Zana's case with the Turkish authorities and seek her immediate and unconditional release from prison.

Leyla Zana was kept in custody from March 5, 1994, until December 7, 1994 without a conviction. On December 8, 1994, the Ankara State Security Court sentenced her and five other Kurdish parliamentarians to various years in prison. Leyla Zana was accused of making a treasonous speech in Washington, D.C., other speeches elsewhere and wearing a scarf that bore the Kurdish colors of green, red and yellow. This year marks her fifth year behind the bars.

Today, in Turkish Kurdistan, 40,000 people have lost their lives. More than 3,000 Kurdish villages have been destroyed. Over 3 million residents have become destitute refugees. Despite several unilateral cease-fires by the Kurdish side, the Turkish army continues to pursue policies of hatred, torture and murder, and genocide of the Kurdish people.

Mr. Speaker, as I finish my sixth year in office as a member of the United States Congress, I find it outrageous that the government of Turkey, after so much outcry, after so much petitioning and after so much publicity would dare to punish her again incensing her friends and supporters all over the world. There is only one word that comes to my mind and it is, fear, Mr. Speaker. The government of Turkey is afraid of Leyla Zana and it thinks it can lock her away forever. That was the story of those who locked Nelson Mandela. The longest nights, Mr. Speaker, give way to bright dawns. Mr. Mandela is a public servant now. And the world is grateful.

People like Leyla Zana who utter the words of reconciliation and accommodation need to be embraced, validated and freed. I urge the government of Turkey to set aside its conviction of Leyla Zana and free her immediately, and I urge my colleagues and government to

condemn her conviction and make her release a priority.

#### A TRIBUTE TO SAM MEYERS

#### HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on November 8, 1998, Sam Meyers will be honored with a Lifetime Struggle and Achievement Award by the citizens of Central Brooklyn; however, his career is one with far-reaching significance for the national labor movement and for American progressive political leadership.

Sam Meyers, retired President of United Auto Workers Local 259, has been honored by many groups numerous times over the last few decades and all of the accolades have been deserved. Now eighty years old, he can relax with the satisfaction and assurance that he has been to the mountain top. Beyond his individual giving there are also the contributions of his wife, Carolyn, a retired East New York teacher, and his sons, Dan and Matt. Attorney Dan Meyers has devoted much of his life to the case seeking justice for the victims of the Attica assault.

Sam has been a special hero of Central Brooklyn for nearly twenty years. The Frank Barbaro campaign to unseat Koch and the victorious campaign which elected Mario Cuomo are two of the key events which forged the longstanding alliance of Sam Meyers and Major Owens. The Barbaro mayoral campaign created the opportunity, for fighters who had previously briefly met each other only on speaking platforms, to then become permanent partners for progressive politics and empowerment. Beyond his immersion in the strategy and tactics of everyday leadership for his union, Sam Meyers had a vision and acted with others to fulfill the dream of a citywide political coalition.

In the Summer of 1982, on the same day that major Owens announced the formation of the Brooklyn Coalition for Community Empowerment as his congressional campaign committee, Sam Meyers delivered a check from the United Auto Workers. It was a maximum contribution for the primary and the only such Political Action Committee donation received by the new and unknown Brooklyn political movement. Owens and his political partners—Vann, Green, Norman, Boyland—had nothing concrete that they could trade for support. Indeed, Sam Meyers, angered many powerful old friends of his when he endorsed the dissidents who were despised by the old Kings County machine.

Sam's adoptions of the Brooklyn empowerment effort was an act of political faith with roots in his mother's aspirations for a better world. Across boundaries of race, ethnicity and age, without hesitation, he applied the same principles that had guided his building of a great UAW Local 259. Always present in the mind of Brother Meyers was the credo of the street fighter. You have to believe and you have to dare.

Sam Meyers began his lifetime struggle in 1940 as a sheet metal worker and a member of UAW, Local 365. In 1943 he joined the Army Air Corps. In 1958 he led the successful fight to oust a leadership that had become too