

HONORING YWCA OF YONKERS  
WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a laudable program of the YWCA of Yonkers in which a week-long series of events will highlight the struggle against violence.

This is the fourth year in a row in which the 'Y' is sponsoring a "Week Without Violence" program to inspire people to consider alternatives to violence by demonstrating that people from all communities can live together without violence in their homes, schools and neighborhoods.

From October 18 through October 24 the 'Y' is sponsoring a series of programs and remembrances with the support of the Police Department, the Public Schools, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission for Nonviolence, My Sister's Place, and Cluster's Conflict Resolution Program.

The series includes a public education campaign to identify and activate practical alternatives to violence. It also includes a day of remembrance in memory of Yonkers residents who lost their lives to violence, most especially the Biller family and Frederick Pagliara.

The week includes programs which treat violence against women as well as violence against men and the scourge of race and hate crimes.

The 'Y' program, by spotlighting violence and the harm it does to all of us, and by offering alternatives, such as conflict resolution, gives positive recommendations to help the community. It is part of a nationwide 'Y' program we all should join to reduce the epidemic of violence in America and make our country secure for all.

DIVORCING THE MARRIAGE  
PENALTY**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding the elimination of the marriage penalty. This reform is long-overdue, and I am pleased to hear the consistent, overwhelming support of many constituents in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District.

As every married couple knows all too well, the marriage penalty is the amount of combined tax a couple pays in excess of the amount they would have paid had they filed as "single." For instance, suppose a husband and wife each earned \$30,500, resulting in a combined income of \$61,000. They would pay \$8,563 in federal taxes. However, if they were to file as "single," each would owe \$3,592, for a combined total of \$7,184. By filing together, this couple is unfairly hit with a \$1,379 marriage penalty.

Government should encourage the strengthening of the American family, not undermine it with ill-conceived taxing schemes. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), 42 percent of married couples—numbering 21

million couples—were subjected to the penalty in 1996. Per couple, they paid approximately \$1,400 more in taxes due solely to the fact they were married. This is clearly wrong.

I support a number of approaches to solve this problem. The first is the 1999 federal budget recently passed by the House. As an alternative to the \$128 billion in new taxes and spending in the President's proposed budget, House Republicans crafted a plan that will decrease government growth by 1 percent. The savings are set aside to eliminate the marriage penalty. I supported this reasonable approach, and voted for the measure when it passed the House by a vote of 216–204 on June 5, 1998.

Another approach is a bill I cosponsored, H.R. 3734, which will change the tax code to assure the rates of taxation for married and single people are equitable. I strongly support this excellent proposal and will actively work to see its passage in the next session of Congress.

Recently, Chairman BILL ARCHER (TX) introduced H.R. 4579, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998, which would reduce taxes by an estimated \$80 billion over 5 years. I strongly supported this bill and voted with the full House to approve it on September 26. Specifically, the proposal reduces the marriage tax penalty by expanding the standard deduction for a married couple to twice the amount a single taxpayer can deduct.

Unfortunately, President Clinton has shown little support for our efforts. Once again, Republicans must fight the liberal legacy of tax-and-spend, anti-family policies. Through many different schemes, Democrats have consistently demonstrated an aversion to the fundamental institutions of this great country: religion, morality, family and life.

Even though we were unable to include marriage penalty relief in the Omnibus Appropriations bill this week, eliminating the marriage penalty will continue to be a major priority for me, and I will continue to pursue every opportunity to repeal this unfair tax on the American family.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS  
WEEK 1998**HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call World Population Awareness Week 1998 to the attention of my colleagues. October 24–31 marks the 13th annual celebration of World Population Awareness Week. More than 300 family planning, environmental, educational, community and service organizations in 61 countries are co-sponsoring the week in an effort to raise awareness of the need for universal voluntary family planning.

I call Governor Don Sundquist's proclamation to the attention of my colleagues and ask that it be submitted for the RECORD.

## THE STATE OF TENNESSEE PROCLAMATION

Whereas, more than half of the world's population will live in urban agglomerations by the turn of the century; and

Whereas, the growth of cities provides opportunities, but also portends risks that could intensify poverty, pollution, disease,

social disintegration, violence and human misery; and

Whereas, urban poverty is already as high as 60 percent in some metropolitan areas, more than one-third of the urban population has substandard housing, and 40 percent lack access to safe drinking water of adequate sanitation; and

Whereas, in all regions of the world—north and south, rich and poor—rabid urbanization has spawned a number of common problems including unemployment, a shortage of adequate housing, traffic congestion, declining infrastructure, and lack of funds to provide for basic services; and

Whereas, urban crises, stemming from high population density and activity is expected to be among the major challenges of the 21st century.

Now therefore, I Don Sundquist, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 24–31, 1998, as World Population Awareness Week in Tennessee and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing this worthy observance.

TRIBUTE TO ALBERTINA SISULU  
OF SOUTH AFRICA**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great woman who has earned a place in history, Mrs. Albertina Sisulu of South Africa, who was elected as a member of Parliament in 1994.

Born in the Transkei, she lived in Johannesburg when the African National Congress Youth League became active in 1944. It was an eventful year for her. She joined the League, qualified as a nurse and midwife, and married Walter Sisulu, the political leader and friend of Nelson Mandela who shared his passion for freedom and justice.

Together, the Sisulus fought oppression and endured enormous anguish as Welter, who was then the general secretary of the ANC, was imprisoned eight times between 1953 and 1964. Mrs. Sisulu joined the ANC Women's League and became an executive member of the Federation of South African Women. She played an active role in the 1952 Defiance Campaign and in the protest against the Bantu Education Act. In 1956, she was prominent in the historic national demonstration in Pretoria when 20,000 women protested against the extension of passes to African women. In 1959, she was elected treasurer of the ANC Women's League.

Mrs. Sisulu showed tremendous courage in continuing her anti-apartheid activities after her husband was sent to Robben Island and she herself was placed under banning orders for nineteen years, ten of them under house arrest. In August of 1983, she was charged with furthering the aims of the ANC. Six months later she was found guilty and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, but her conviction was overturned. While she was in custody awaiting trial, she was elected as the Transvaal President of the newly-formed United Democratic Front. She also became National President of the South African Federation of Women. In 1988, she was again banned and her freedom to travel was restricted. Undaunted, she joined other prominent Soweto citizens who negotiated with the

then Soweto City Council on the question of rent boycotts. She was also nominated by a number of international figures for the post of rector of the University of Edinburgh. In 1989, she was part of a delegation which visited President Bush and Mrs. Thatcher to brief them on the situation in South Africa. In October, her husband and other leaders were released from jail.

Since the landmark year of 1990, she has continued to be in the forefront of South Africa's continued challenges, serving as Deputy President of the ANC Women's League and as a member of the National Executive of the ANC. In 1993, she served as President of the World Peace Council in Basie, Switzerland before becoming a member of Parliament. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mrs. Sisulu, a valiant woman who has charged countless lives for the better, as she celebrates her 80th birthday this week.

#### BROAD-BASED SUPPORT FOR THE POLICE BADGE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT (H.R. 4282)

#### HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House to the Police Badge Fraud Prevention Act (H.R. 4282) and the broad-based support it is drawing from our nation's law enforcement community. This measure bans the interstate or foreign trafficking of counterfeit badges and genuine badges. When the measure is reintroduced in January, it will include exceptions for cases where the badge is used exclusively in a collection or exhibit; for decorative purposes; or for a dramatic presentation such as a theatrical, film, or television production.

A counterfeit badge or a fraudulently obtained real badge can allow a criminal to deceive someone into opening the door to their home or the window of their car. The use of badges in home-invasion robberies and other crimes has damaged the trust people have in men and women in uniform. Law enforcement organizations, both nationwide and in my home state of California, have recognized this and have endorsed this legislation. I submit their endorsement letters to be included in the RECORD. I encourage all Members to consider co-sponsoring this legislation when the 106th Congress reconvenes.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM,  
Washington, DC, July 24, 1998.

Hon. STEPHEN HORN,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HORN, I am writing to advise you of the strong support of the more than 272,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police for H.R. 4282, the "Police Badge Fraud Prevention Act."

Your bill complements existing State statutes against impersonating a law enforcement officer with respect to the possession or use of counterfeit badges or illegally obtained real badges. The American public knows and recognizes the brave men and women in our nation today by the badge they carry. They know they can count on them when they are in trouble or in need of

help. Your bill takes a necessary step to ensure that the public can continue to place their faith and trust in law enforcement officers and not be deceived by those with criminal intent.

On behalf of Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, I want to extend my thanks for your leadership on this issue. If there is anything I can do to assist you in the passage of this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco at my Washington office.

Sincerely,

GILBERT G. GALLEGOS,  
National President.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF  
POLICE OFFICERS  
Alexandria VA, May 15, 1998.

Hon. STEPHEN HORN,  
U.S. Congress,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HORN, The International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) is an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union, the third largest union in the AFL-CIO. The IBPO is the largest police union in the AFL-CIO.

On behalf of the entire membership of the IBPO I want to thank you for introducing a bill that would make it a crime to deal counterfeit badges of state and local law enforcement agencies.

The IBPO has heard numerous incidents where criminals obtain police badges which allows them to pursue illegal activities. Many of these badges can be purchased by Internet and mail-order sales. We appreciate your legislation will ban the interstate or foreign trafficking of counterfeit badges and genuine badges.

A police officer's badge means much more than another form of identification. To see it used for criminal intent is a slap in the face to every police officer in this country.

The IBPO endorses your bill and looks forward to working with you to see this bill become law. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

KENNETH T. LYONS,  
National President.

CALIFORNIA  
PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION,  
Sacramento, CA, October 7, 1998.

Hon. STEVE HORN,  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HORN: The California Peace Officers' Association strongly supports HR 4282, which would curb the sales of phony police badges in the United States. Law enforcement is faced with the possibility of a criminal using a phony badge to commit a crime. These impersonators have made women become fearful of stopping for legitimate police officers because of crimes impersonators have committed using phony police badges. Law enforcement officers have only one visual thing to prove who they are to the public, and that is the badge.

Mail order badge suppliers have cheated the public out of their confidence in the police by selling to anyone with the correct amount of money, the very symbols of trust and safety which identify the law enforcement officer. Police and sheriff badges should only be sold to authorized law enforcement personnel, and then only after the company ensures that the agency is a bona fide entity.

Please register our support of this very important legislation.

Sincerely,

JOHN LOVELL,  
Government Relations Manager.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,

San Bernardino, CA, September 22, 1998.

Hon. STEVE HORN,  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HORN: The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department strongly supports HR 4282 which would curb the sales of phony police badges in the United States. Every day law enforcement is faced with the possibility of an impersonator eroding the public's trust by using a phony badge to commit a crime. Women have become fearful of stopping for red lights on police vehicles because of crimes committed using red lights to stop their victims. Law enforcement has only one thing to prove, who they are visually to the public, and that is the badge.

Mail order badge suppliers cheat the public out of their confidence in the police by selling to anyone with the correct amount of money, the very symbols of trust and safety we are taught as children to look to for help. Police and sheriff badges should be sold only to authorized law enforcement personnel, and then only, after the company ensures that the agency is a bona fide entity.

Please register our support of this very important legislation.

Sincerely,

GARY S. PENROD,  
Sheriff.

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
Signal Hill, CA, August 6, 1998.

Congressman STEPHEN HORN,  
c/o Connie Sziebl, District Director, 38th District  
of California, Lakewood, CA.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HORN: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for introducing HR 4282—the Police Badge Fraud Prevention Act. I believe it will go a long way to stem this ever increasing problem and help protect the citizens within our community and throughout the United States.

I will be contacting police organizations in California for support of this bill and, hopefully, they will be sending you letters of support very soon.

I have enclosed a copy of the program from Fox Channel 11 News on counterfeit badges which aired on Monday, July 27, 1998, at 10:00 p.m. It provided some excellent publicity on this problem and on HR 4282.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your staff for your quick response to our concerns and your continued support of law enforcement.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. SINGER,  
Chief of Police.

CALIFORNIA NARCOTIC  
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION,  
Santa Clarita, CA, October 15, 1998.

Re: HR 4282—Letter of Support

Stephen Horn  
U.S. Representative, 38th District  
Washington DC.

DEAR MR. HORN: The California Narcotic Officers Association's (CNOA) 7,000 members, comprised of men and women, are California's first line of defense against the proliferation of illegal drugs. CNOA has historically provided opinion and expertise to the legislature based upon our experience and training as drug enforcement professionals.

CNOA supports House Resolution 4282 which you authored. Mail order badge suppliers who sell to anyone for money facilities vicious crimes that occur in our society such as home invasion robberies. Badges should only be sold to bonafide entities.