

leaders. With that having been said, I ask to print her remarks of October 5, 2000, in the RECORD.

The remarks follow:

REMARKS BY MS. YALILE REMIREZ AT THE HISPANIC COLLEGE FUND, INC., ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

OCTOBER 5, 2000

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, my name is Yalile Ramirez. I am a senior, pursuing a double Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Finance at Michigan State University. First, I would like to thank Sprint for making my scholarship possible. I would also like to thank the Hispanic College Fund for granting me the honor of speaking to you on this special night. When I started to think about what I could share with you this evening, I asked myself "What am I an authority on?" So, I decided to talk about the one thing I have mastered, being me.

In some aspects, my involvement in the Latino community has differed from what some of my fellow peers and faculty members believe it should be. When I first attended MSU, I was not fully aware of all the issues confronting the Latino community in the U.S. And I did not have any Latino role models to whom I could turn to for guidance, with the exception of my parents. However, I was aware of the inequities embedded within our society. I knew we were a different color, I knew we spoke a different language and I knew many in America did not welcome this diversity. At the college level, my experiences with fellow Latino students and faculty members has heightened my interest and sensitivity to Latino issues. I strongly support our community and participate in a select number of activities. However, the career path I have chosen also differs from those that many have elected to pursue; such as education, criminal justice, political science and pre-law.

While many of them are demanding justice through political rights and representation, I seek economic empowerment. Economic empowerment is derived from our continual plight for justice, political power and independence. We can look back to our history dating back to the American Revolution. Was it all for greater religious freedom or greater economic freedom?

My family has struggled economically and socially in pursuit of the American dream for our family and for generations yet to come. As first generation American Latina, I recognize the importance of economic empowerment in our community. While possessing a flagrant entrepreneurial spirit and great patriotism to the American form of capitalism; resources, capital, and networks are salient to real empowerment. But, where do we go to obtain these resources? To whom do we turn to with confidence, respect and trust? Well, ladies and gentlemen, we are among those resources right here, right now. With a vigorous economy and a fast growing Latino population, our Latino community is coming of age. How will we succeed? Latino business leadership is paramount to attaining prosperity in our communities and in sustaining future success. By seizing this opportunity and creating a network of Latino businesses and business leaders, we can actualize a network of resources and capital for future entrepreneurs. Latino business leadership has a profound impact in our Latino community by creating opportunities to produce and access resources. For me, then, real economic empowerment and leadership will assist in our overall pursuit of our economic well-being and prosperity. We have to

expand the opportunities to enter the business sector. Once we enter and thrive in that arena, it is imperative to sustain and share our economic power with a new generation of leaders. Economic empowerment. To put it another way, I choose a quote from the Chairman of the Hispanic College Fund, Mr. Dario Marquez.

"What we want is a seat at the table of dialogue and debate in government, academia, and in industry—not a seat that has been assigned—but as many seats as our abilities and talents will afford."

Finally, I have been honored to have been selected as a scholarship recipient of the HCF. I would like to also congratulate the other recipients gathered on this stage tonight and all the others enrolled in colleges and universities across the country. On our behalf and on behalf of our families and communities, we thank all the companies, businesses, individuals, and events that donated the funds that helped us afford a college education. And, I am especially grateful to Sprint for making my scholarship possible. This scholarship is not only monetary assistance but also an investment in a woman with great potential for realizing future success. I have struggled with economic and social issues and I firmly believe that education is the key that will unlock our full potential as Latinos and ultimately contribute to the economic prosperity of America. Let us continue to pursue a better future for our and future generations.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID M. LANEY

● Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. David M. Laney, who soon will complete his term as a member of the Texas Transportation Commission. Governor George W. Bush appointed Mr. Laney to the commission in April 1995, designating him chairman and Commissioner of Transportation. In April 2000, he stepped down as Commissioner of Transportation, serving the remainder of his term as a member of the commission.

During his term on the commission, Mr. Laney has been the champion of the state's efforts to increase the state's share of federal transportation dollars returning to Texas. As chairman, he was a partner to the Texas Congressional delegation's efforts to develop fairer highway funding formulas, promoting the efforts of a coalition of "donor" states to work with Congress toward achieving at least a 90.5 percent return on payments into the Highway Trust Fund. As a result of our efforts, Texas received an increase of more than \$700 million annually in federal highway funds and David Laney deserves a great deal of the credit.

In addition, he promoted increased federal funding for the nation's general aviation and reliever airports, which Congress provided in the Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21). Finally, Mr. Laney has been a strong advocate for the state's small urban and rural transit systems, working with Congress to provide much needed discretionary funding to

address the vehicle replacement needs of these vital transportation systems, the most extensive in the nation. With these additional funds for Texas transportation programs, the commission will be better able to meet the tremendous transportation demands of the growing regional and international trade traffic in Texas.

With a look to the future, as Commissioner of Transportation Mr. Laney led the Texas Department of Transportation in its efforts to obtain the flexible financing tools it needs to help address transportation needs in Texas. He was successful in working with the Texas Legislature to create the Texas Turnpike Authority Division of the department, which provides toll-funding options for the state's major transportation projects. With his strong support and encouragement, the division has applied for and expects to receive an \$800 million loan under the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for a major Central Texas turnpike project. Under Mr. Laney's leadership, the commission has used the Texas State Infrastructure Bank, authorized under the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, to provide needed assistance to localities to help move forward important transportation projects.

Mr. Laney also initiated a major Texas border strategy to address the demands of international trade traffic.

Throughout his tenure on the commission, Mr. Laney has provided strong and confident leadership to the Texas Department of Transportation, promoting the development of a first-class Texas transportation system. His legacy is a transportation agency with a menu of solid financial and operational tools providing a safe, effective, and environmentally-sensitive transportation system for the people of Texas and the nation. His dedication to transportation and his strong leadership on the commission will be missed.

Mr. President, I know my fellow Texans join me in this expression of appreciation to David Laney for his exemplary leadership on the Texas Transportation Commission.●

#### RETIREMENT OF THE HONORABLE CLAYTON E. PREISEL

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Clayton E. Preisel, who is retiring on December 31, 2000, after an extraordinary career spanning over 50 years. During this time, he has served in the Marine Corps, been a teacher and school administrator, and, for the past 18 years, presided over the Lapeer County Probate Court. Whatever the forum, Judge Preisel has been a leader and an inspiration to those around him.

Judge Preisel was born on January 29, 1927. He graduated from Imlay City High School in 1945, and departed for

the Marines in July of that same year. He served until August of 1946, and then returned to the State of Michigan to attend Michigan State University. He graduated from MSU in 1951 with a degree in Agriculture.

After graduation, Judge Preisel moved to Carson City, Michigan, and began teaching. After four years, he returned home to Imlay City, where he continued his teaching career. He taught in Imlay City until 1969, and spent the final two years of his tenure there as both a teacher and a school administrator. During this time, Judge Preisel also doubled as a student, obtaining a Master's of Science degree in 1956, and, in 1968, receiving a Jurist Doctorate degree from the Detroit College of Law.

Upon receiving his law degree, Judge Preisel entered into private practice, where he stayed until 1982, when he was elected to serve as Lapeer County Probate Judge. He has held this position for the past 18 years, and during his time on the bench has become respected not only for his knowledge of the law but also for his sensible approach to its application. Individuals leave Judge Preisel's courtroom with the knowledge that they have been treated fairly, which in my mind is the most worthy thing that can be said of a Judge.

Judge Preisel has always found time to partake in community service. He was a member of the Imlay School Board from 1969-1983. He has also been involved in 4-H, the Lions Club, the Community Foundation, United Way, Kids In New Directions (KIND), Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and the Lapeer County Bar Association.

Judge Preisel's retirement will allow him to spend more time with his family. He and his wife, Beulah Joann Anderson, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on September 9th, 2000, have four children (Kathleen, Janet, Karen and James), and five grandchildren (Heather, Jason, Alysha, Katelyn and Steven).

I applaud Judge Preisel for his extraordinary service to Lapeer County and the State of Michigan. His leadership in all phases of his career has been exceptional and will be dearly missed. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate and thank the Honorable Clayton E. Preisel on a wonderful and successful career, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 11. An act for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

S. 150. An act for the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Mifakhov.

S. 276. An act for the relief of Sergio Lozano, Faurico Lozano and Ana Lozano.

S. 785. An act for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier.

S. 869. An act for the relief of Mina Vahedi Notash.

S. 1078. An act for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, Jacob Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey.

S. 1513. An act for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

S. 2000. An act for the relief of Guy Taylor.

S. 2002. An act for the relief of Tony Lara.

S. 2019. An act for the relief of Malia Miller.

S. 2289. An act for the relief of Jose Guadalupe Tellez Pinales.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5528. An act to authorize the construction of a Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5314) to require the immediate termination of the Department of Defense practice of euthanizing military working dogs at the end of their useful working life and to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable of caring for these dogs.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1651. An act to amend the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country.

H.R. 3218. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

H.R. 5178. An act to require changes in the bloodborne pathogens standard in effect under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 3:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments:

S. 2943. An act to authorize additional assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1550) to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes, with amendments to the Senate amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2712. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3194. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4399. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building."

H.R. 4400. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Building."

H.R. 5309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building."

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-11325. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two items; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11327. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (16); Amdt. No. 425 [10-23/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA63) (2000-0007) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11328. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (71), amdt. no. 2015 [10-20/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA63) (2000-0008) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.