

That is the first law of democracy, the oldest lesson of most of our faiths: That we are stronger together than alone. That we all gain when we give. That is why we must make citizenship matter again. Here are five shining examples of citizenship:

Cindy Perry teaches second graders to read in AmeriCorps, in rural Kentucky. She gains when she gives: She is a mother of four, and she says that her service "inspired" her to get her high-school equivalency last year. Now, like thousands of other members, she will use her scholarship from AmeriCorps to go to college to equip herself to compete and win in the new economy.

With so many forces pulling us apart, we cannot stop a force like AmeriCorps that's pulling us together.

Chief Stephen Bishop gains when he gives: He has worked with AmeriCorps to build community policing in Kansas City—and has seen crime go down because of it. He stood up for our Crime Bill and the Assault Weapons ban, and knows that the people he serves and the people he leads are all safer because of it.

Corporal Gregory Depestre gains when he gives: He went to Haiti as part of his adopted country's force to help secure democracy. And he saw the people of his native land—Haiti—are restoring democracy for themselves.

Reverend John Cherry * * *

And Jack Lucas gained when he gave. Fifty crowded years ago, in the sands of Iwo Jima, he taught and he learned the lessons of citizenship. February 20, 1945 was no ordinary day for a small-town boy. As he and his three buddies moved along a slope, they encountered the enemy—and two grenades at their feet. Jack Lucas threw himself on them both, and, in that moment, saved the lives of his companions. And what did he gain? In the next instant, a medic saved his life. He gained a foothold for freedom. And he gained this: Jack Lucas—at 17 years old, just a year older than his grandson is today—became the youngest Marine in our history, the youngest man in this century, to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

All these years later, here's what he says about that day: "It didn't matter where you were from, who you were. You relied on one another. You did it for your country."

We all gain when we give. We reap whatever we sow. That's at the heart of the New Covenant: Responsibility. Citizenship. Opportunity. They are more than stale chapter headings in some remote civics book. They are the virtues by which we can fulfill ourselves and our God-given potential—the virtues by which we can live out, the eternal promise of America, the enduring dream of that first and most sacred covenant: That we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. And that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

This is a very great country. And our best days are yet to come. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATIVE TO THE MIDDLE EAST—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 3

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) and section 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1631, I hereby report that I have exercised my statutory authority to declare a national emergency with respect to the grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process and to issue an Executive order that:

- Blocks all property, including bank deposits, of foreign persons or organizations designated in the Executive order or pursuant thereto, which is in United States or in the control of United States persons, including their overseas branches; and
- Prohibits any transaction or dealing by United States persons in such property, including the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of such designated persons.

I have designated in the Executive order 12 foreign organizations that threaten to use violence to disrupt the Middle East peace process. I have authorized the Secretary of State to designate additional foreign persons who have committed, or pose a significant risk of committing, acts of violence that have the purpose or effect of disrupting the Middle East peace process, or who assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material or technological support for, or services in support of, such

acts of violence. Such designations are to be made in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General.

The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized to designate persons or entities that he determines, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, are owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, any of the foreign persons designated under this order. The Secretary of the Treasury is also authorized to issue regulations in exercise of my authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to implement these measures in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General and to coordinate such implementation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All Federal agencies are directed to take actions within their authority to carry out the provisions of the Executive order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive order that I have issued. The order was effective at 12:01 a.m., eastern standard time on January 24, 1995.

I have authorized these measures in response to recurrent acts of international terrorism that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process. They include such acts as the bomb attacks in Israel this past weekend and other recent attacks in Israel, attacks on government authorities in Egypt, threats against Palestinian authorities in the autonomous regions, and the bombing of the Jewish Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires, as well as the car bomb at the Israeli Embassy in London.

Achieving peace between Israel and its neighbors has long been a principal goal of American foreign policy. Resolving this conflict would eliminate a major source of instability in a part of the world in which we have critical interests, contribute to the security and well-being of Israel, and strengthen important bilateral relationships in the Arab world.

Attempts to disrupt the Middle East peace process through terrorism by groups opposed to peace have threatened and continue to threaten vital interests of the United States, thus constituting an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

Terrorist groups engaging in such terrorist acts receive financial and material support for their efforts from persons in the Middle East and elsewhere who oppose that process. Individuals and groups in the United States, too, have been targets of fundraising efforts on behalf of terrorist organizations.

Fundraising for terrorism and use of the U.S. banking system for transfers on behalf of such organizations are inimical to American interests. Further, failure to take effective action against similar fundraising and transfers in foreign countries indicate the need for

leadership by the United States on this subject. Thus, it is necessary to provide the tools to combat any financial support from the United States for such terrorist activities. The United States will use these actions on our part to impress on our allies in Europe and elsewhere the seriousness of the danger of terrorist funding threatening the Middle East peace process, and to encourage them to adopt appropriate and effective measures to cut off terrorist fundraising and the harboring of terrorist assets in their territories and by their nationals.

The measures we are taking demonstrate our determination to thwart acts of terrorism that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process by attacking any material or financial support for such acts that may emanate from the United States.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 23, 1995.

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-2. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; ordered to lie on the table.

“ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

“Whereas, California is still, at best, in the early stages of recovery from our most serious economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930’s; and

“Whereas, our generating a sustaining recovery depends upon our being visionary and smart and collaborative in preparing ourselves to be competitive in the ever changing world in which we live and operate and do business; and

“Whereas, our overall challenge is to realize the promise of our multicultural democracy in the emerging global economy in the age of technology and knowledge; and

“Whereas, it is especially incumbent upon each and all of us in the entire California public sector to become thoroughly informed regarding the latest developments that affect our economic competitiveness and prospects for our future well-being, so that we can operate collaboratively and smartly and effectively; and

“Whereas, the public and private sectors of California have been for far too long much too unfamiliar with and uninformed about each other’s realities and challenges, and even more failing to collaborate smartly and effectively in all the ways required by the new world into which we are moving; and

“Whereas, as repeatedly heard by the Assembly Democratic Economic Prosperity Team in its rounds of 70 consultations with business and other leaders over the past 14 months, the California private sector consistently complains about the failure of the various levels and agencies of California’s public sector to understand and appreciate the value and realities and problems and challenges of California’s various private sector endeavors, including the public sector’s failure to appropriately educate Californians for employment in those private sector endeavors in public sector operations; and

“Whereas, it is ever more essential that all the agencies of the public sector of California become and remain apprised of the latest developments regarding the foremost indus-

tries which will contribute to California’s economic recovery and future economic prosperity and well-being; and

“Whereas, a creative and systematic vehicle for mutual dialogue and learning would prove of enormous value as we seek to prepare ourselves as a state to be competitive in this emerging global economy and age of technology; now, therefore, be it

“Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That California, as a state and especially throughout the various levels and agencies of its public sector, commit itself to becoming a learning enterprise, so as to prepare our public sector to act and respond more smartly and effectively in a timely fashion to the emerging problems and challenges of our times; and be it further

“Resolved, That the State of California, in particular, immediately initiate the designing and implementation of a systematic vehicle that will serve to further assure this learning, and particularly now in our time of economic crisis, assure this learning with respect to the causes and cures of our economic crisis; and be it further

“Resolved, That California create an “Industry of the Month” program, which will, every other month until June 30, 1996, feature one leading California industry for a day-long intensive dialogue in the State Capitol; and be it further

“Resolved, That the audience for each intensive day-long learning experience is to be comprised of the leadership of all the relevant agencies of California’s public sector, including, but not limited to, the Governor of California, the Secretary of Trade and Commerce, both houses and both parties of the Legislature, the County Supervisors Association of California and the League of California Cities, the University of California and the California State University, the California Community Colleges, and the California public school system; and be it further

“Resolved, That the agenda for that day is to be determined and designed by the leaders of the particular featured industry, and to include other leaders with any concerns regarding the industry; and be it further

“Resolved, That the agenda include an assessment of at least each of, but not limited to, the following: the character of the industry and its value and potential to California’s economic well-being, the current status and challenges and problems of the industry, and ways in which the various levels and agencies of California’s public sector are failing to serve or utilize the industry, and ways in which they could better facilitate the healthy success of each industry; and be it further

“Resolved, That the convening of each day-long intensive learning experience shall be coordinated by a team of five leaders of the state government or the designee of each: the Governor of the State of California, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the minority leaders of both houses of the Legislature, with the Governor, or his or her designee, to serve as convener and chair of this coordinating team, and five leaders of the particular industry; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the intent of the Legislature, in initiating this program, to engage especially the principals in both the public and private sectors, whose knowledge, commitment, and action are essential to California’s future economic well-being and therefore it is not to be deemed sufficient that staff persons from the public sector or advocates from the private sector be centrally involved in the actual conduct of each event itself; while they are necessarily to be involved in the planning of each event, it is the

intention of the Legislature that they be involved as members of the presenting team and immediate audience; and be it further

Resolved, That the day shall be smartly designed, in consultation with the Californians who are experts in the design of group learning experiences, so as to most profoundly facilitate the mutual learning and trust and team building of all parties concerned, both public and private; and be it further

Resolved, That the coordinating team make every effort to broadly publicize the proceedings so that the California public can watch and listen and learn as well, including, but not limited to, presentation on Cal-Span; and be it further

Resolved, That the following key California industries shall especially be considered by the selection team, and chosen in an order to be determined by the design team: agriculture, apparel industry, biotechnology, defense and space, electronics, entertainment, international trade, petroleum, software, telecommunications, environmental technology, and tourism; and be it further

Resolved, That the design team create and operate a process, including explicit criteria, whereby other California industries can also compete for “Industry of the Month” slots in each two-year cycle; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of Trade and Commerce shall disseminate copies of this resolution to at least the 100 foremost trade and industry associations in California, and shall, for the consideration of the coordinating team, seek its advice regarding how best to effectively conduct, and their active endorsement and support of this “Industry of the Month” program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California and the Secretary of Trade and Commerce.”

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; ordered to lie on the table.

“ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

“Whereas, due to its convenience, adaptability, and low cost, plastic is a ubiquitous material in modern life, and a variety of plastic materials are used to make a vast array of products; and

“Whereas, according to the 1993 Annual Report of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, more than 2.6 million tons of plastics are disposed of annually in California, and less than 3 percent of this amount is recycled; and

“Whereas, many products made from plastics are designed to be disposed of after limited use, rather than being reused or recycled; and

“Whereas, despite the technical capability for some products containing plastics to be recycled, the vast majority of those products cannot be recycled conveniently by consumers; and

“Whereas, the improper disposal of plastics can damage the environment and pose life-threatening hazards to birds, fish, and other wildlife; and

“Whereas, plastic materials that are degradable by exposure to earth, water, or sunlight have been developed for a wide variety of commercial applications; and

“Whereas, state and local governments are the single largest purchasers in the state, accounting for approximately 8 percent of California’s gross product; and

“Whereas, the state has established programs to increase state purchasing of products made with recycled materials, including plastic, but there is no specific program to encourage state purchasing of biodegradable plastics; now, therefore, be it