

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, after reflecting on the President's State of the Union Address Tuesday evening, I am deeply disturbed over the many contradictions in his speech. In one breath the President declared: "The era of big Government is over." And in the next he states: "But we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves."

The President is again trying to be all things to all people. But, he is being dishonest with the American people. The President knows the magnitude of our Government's financial crisis.

Mr. Speaker, he knows our Nation is nearly \$5 trillion in debt. He knows that Government subsidized programs and entitlements are draining our Nation's Treasury. And, he knows that to continue down this road leads us to moral and financial bankruptcy.

Yet, the President continues to try and please everyone. He continues to pander to every person and every group that has come to depend on a Government subsidy paid for by the American taxpayer. He continues to pander to his voting base for the 1996 Presidential campaign.

The elections of 1992 and 1994 were about change. The people of this Nation said "enough is enough." The people told Washington they were tired of big government. They told Washington they were tired of the Democrat's tax and spend policies.

Mr. Speaker, 1996 is another election year. And the President can read the polls. His State of the Union Address played to the people's desires and emotions. The President challenged Republicans in Congress to give him a balanced Federal budget, tax cuts for working Americans, welfare reform, educational scholarships, crime prevention programs. And the list goes on and on.

Well Republicans have already met the President's challenge. But he failed to tell the American people that in his State of the Union Address.

The President failed to tell the American people we gave him a balanced Federal budget—and he vetoed it.

The President failed to tell the American people we gave him a bill that cut taxes for all working Americans—and he vetoed it.

The President failed to tell the American people we gave him a bill to reform welfare as we know it—and he vetoed it.

The President failed to tell the American people we gave him a bill providing \$2 billion in new crime prevention programs—and he vetoed it.

And, the President failed to tell the American people we gave him a bill that increases Federal funding for education, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans and all the Federal programs that help people help themselves. The President failed to tell the American people he vetoed it.

Mr. Speaker, we did all of this and cut wasteful Federal spending and the Washington bureaucracy. We also did all this and returned the power and decisionmaking to individuals, families, and States.

The President failed to tell this to the American people in his address. Why? Because Bill Clinton believes in big government. Bill Clinton believes in Washington bureaucrats making decisions instead of the people.

The President was right when he said the era of big government is over. But the rest of his address was a last gasp for tax and spend big government. The American people rejected that philosophy in 1994 and we in Congress reject it now. We will not continue to pass on more and more financial obligations to our children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton needs to be more honest with the American people. He needs to have a change of heart or we need to change President.

FAREWELL TO INDIA'S ENVOY TO WASHINGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of the very finest diplomats it has been my pleasure to work with during my tenure on the House International Relations Committee, India's Ambassador to the United States, Siddhartha Ray.

I worked closely with Siddhartha during my service as chairman of the House International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, and we have enjoyed a close friendship for the last 4 years.

During his years in Washington, Siddhartha worked tirelessly to improve Indo-United States relations, and to promote policies designed to reduce tensions between India and Pakistan. In both of these areas, he was enormously successful.

Ambassador Ray and his embassy effectively publicized the importance of the Indian market to American business. It was during Ambassador Ray's tenure that the United States Secretary of Commerce led a high level business delegation to India.

Ambassador Ray was equally effective in helping to curtail the South Asian arms race by effectively arguing against the administration's plan to transfer advanced fighter aircraft to Pakistan.

Siddhartha and his delightful wife Maya were an extraordinary team in Washington. They came to this post after distinguished careers in law and government. Siddhartha came to understand the workings of the U.S. Congress as only a former Member of Parliament could.

I join my colleagues in wishing Siddhartha and Maya Ray the very best of luck in their future endeavors, and we hope to see them back in Washington often.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH REILLY

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to pay tribute to the young woman who is nearing the end of her tenure

as Miss Rhode Island. Elizabeth Reilly not only displays the poise, grace, and character that are often associated with participants in the Miss America contest, she has also made a significant contribution to the welfare of Rhode Island's children.

Elizabeth is a second grade teacher at West Broadway School in Providence. Her father is a teacher, and Elizabeth has long known that she, too, wanted to enter this critical field, in which she could work to help our youngest citizens.

Three years ago, while teaching at Sackett Street School in Providence, Elizabeth saw that many of her students did not have adequate clothing. This serious problem distracted the children and prevented them from focusing their energy on learning.

To address this troubling situation, Elizabeth established a clothing bank that collected donations of clothing and distributed them to children in need. Elizabeth's selection as Miss Rhode Island attracted additional attention and donations for the clothing bank, helping her to expand this vital service. Although Elizabeth's tenure as Miss Rhode Island is nearing its end, the clothing bank that she has created will continue to benefit Rhode Island children for many years to come.

On this floor, we often state that our Nation's citizens must reach out to each other in order to address the problems confronting our communities. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Elizabeth Reilly, whose work exemplifies the true spirit of community. I know the future holds a great deal more for Elizabeth Reilly, and I wish her all the best.

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN VEGA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Lillian Vega, a remarkable woman whose lifelong commitment to her family, friends, and the Bronx contributed to the nourishment and strengthening of our community.

Today her memory will be honored by her family and friends at a meeting of Community Planning Board #9, in the Bronx.

Ms. Vega was born in Ponce, PR. When she was 15 years old, Ms. Vega and her family moved to New York. After completing high school, she married Cesar Rivera and had five children.

Ms. Vega started working as a secretary at the Hunts Point Community Corporation. Fifteen years of experience, dedication, and hard work led to her promotion to deputy director of the agency.

Ms. Vega's political career began at the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club in the 1970's. She was the first Puerto Rican woman to become district leader and held this office for almost 20 years. Her co leaders included Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, State Senator Efrain Gonzalez, and Councilman Rafael Castaneira Colon.

Ms. Vega also worked as a community liaison for Assemblyman Hector Diaz and, most recently, as Community Associate at Community Planning board #6.

Her active work in the community and her accomplishments led to numerous awards.

Among other organizations, Ms. Vega was a member of the Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee, Cruzada Civica Del Voto, Puerto Rican Civil Rights Association, Area Policy Board, Community Planning Board #9, Bronx County Democratic Committee, and the Bronx County Democratic Women.

Ms. Vega leaves a legacy of courage, faith, hope, responsibility, love, and commitment. She is survived by her five children, ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to the life of Lillian Vega, who still remains with us through the many people she served and touched.

HON. JAMES ZANGARI, A CARING
PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Hon. James Zangari, minority leader pro tem of the New Jersey State Assembly. A man, who for 20 years, has served the public with dedication and conscience. A gala tribute will be held in his honor on Friday, January 26, 1996 in Old Bridge, NJ.

Assemblyman Zangari's illustrious career in politics began almost 20 years ago. Born and raised in Newark, NJ, Assemblyman Zangari was elected as an Essex County freeholder in 1978. Shortly thereafter, he was elected assemblyman of the 28th legislative district. Since his election to the General Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari has authored more than 100 pieces of legislation. Assemblyman Zangari's legislative initiatives address many issues of great concern to the residents of New Jersey, including crime prevention, drug abuse, education, unemployment, senior citizens, and environmental consumer protection.

Through his experiences as an Essex County freeholder and executive director of Irvington's property maintenance department, Assemblyman Zangari has been able to bring expertise to his Assembly leadership position. Assemblyman Zangari is a man who takes great pride in representing the area where he grew up and truly cares about his constituents. For eight terms in the General Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari has fought hard for the issues that are important to him and his community.

While in the Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari served as a member of the Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Subcommittee on Taxation, and the Labor and Transportation Committee, as well as many others. He was elected majority whip for the 1986-87 term and served as assistant minority leader in the 1988-89 term.

A man of extraordinary talents and a fighting spirit, James Zangari has been honored by various organizations. His many civic awards include distinctions from the New Jersey Education Association, the Essex County Education Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, Irvington, P.A.L.—Man of the Year, and Essex County PBA—Legislator of the Year.

I take great pleasure and honor in paying tribute to James Zangari. He is a man that has fought hard for issues of concern to all the citi-

zens of New Jersey. Please join me in honoring a remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR EDWARD
GALLAGHER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mayor Edward J. Gallagher of Old Tappan, NJ, on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor Gallagher served 16 years as mayor and 4 years as councilman. His many friends will honor him at a testimonial dinner January 21. Mayor Gallagher's 20-year contribution to municipal government has been exemplary. He will be missed.

Mayor Gallagher was sworn in as a member of the Old Tappan Borough Council in 1976 and promptly rose to key leadership positions in the borough government. He served in successive years as chairman of the council's committees on finance, public works and health, and police and civil defense. He was also chairman of the Old Tappan Golf Course Commission.

He became mayor in 1980 and held the post until January 1 of this year.

Mayor Gallagher's expertise was well recognized throughout the State. He was a president of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and served on Governor Jim Florio's Municipal Issues Advisory Group, which was formed to help alleviate State fiscal problems related to municipalities. He was president of the Pascack Valley Mayors Association and a member of the Northern Valley Mayors Association and the Bergen County Republican Mayors Association. He was president of the Old Tappan Republican Club, a member of the advisory committee of the Bergen County Utilities Authority and Old Tappan's representative to the joint insurance fund.

The mayor's contribution to public service has gone beyond government office. He serves as a eucharistic minister at St. Pius X Church, and has been a trustee and treasurer of the Old Tappan Lions Club, a coach of the Old Tappan Little League and active with Old Tappan Boy Scout Troops 132.

A graduate of Pace University and of Stanford University's executive program, Mayor Gallagher is the retired financial vice president of E. Leitz, Inc., and president of Optometric Inc. of Houston.

Mayor Gallagher's long commitment to public service is well appreciated by the people of Old Tappan. I offer my congratulations on his dedicated career.

46TH REPUBLIC DAY FOR THE
WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate India on the 46th anniversary of Republic Day.

For 46 years India has been showing the world that an extremely diverse democracy

can work. With over 52 major languages, 950 million people, in a country geographically much smaller than the United States, India has upheld the ideals of judicial review, multi-party elections, secular government, and a peaceful transfer of power.

For 46 years India has encouraged higher education and self reliance. Today India is one of the world's largest software manufacturers and has put rockets into space. Their entire domestic market has developed indigenously. Now India is considered one of the most important emerging markets in the world.

For more than 46 years Americans of Indian descent have been leaders in their communities. Indian-Americans represent one of the best educated, financially secure populations in the United States.

Now our two nations are beginning a new path. America has begun to look to other nations to do business. India has begun a remarkable economic liberalization process which has opened up one of the largest consumer markets in the world. United States companies are already the largest source of foreign investment in India and will continue to be a major provider of goods and services.

I congratulate India on their success as the world's largest democracy, and look forward to our two nations becoming ever closer in the future. I join with my colleagues here in wishing India continued good fortune for the future.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM M.
SCHREIBER OF INDIANA

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, once in a while strong partisans are strongly liked by both parties. It happens, I think, because even though partisan, such people are also public spirited enough to put our country first and are decent enough to care about the personal feelings of their opposite numbers.

Such a person was Bill Schreiber of Indiana whom cruel cancer took from us on January 11, 1996.

He was 52 and the father of a months-old baby boy, Will. The following shows the affection felt for him by Hoosiers who knew him, Democrat and Republican alike.

Our hearts go out to little Will and his mom, Connie. Bill Schreiber is irreplaceable.

[From the Indianapolis Star, Jan. 13, 1996]

WILLIAM M. SCHREIBER, 52, WAS STRATEGIST
FOR DEMOCRATS

William M. Schreiber, 52, a key strategist for the Indiana Democratic Party and an aide to Lt. Gov. Frank L. O'Bannon, died Jan. 11 in Community Hospital East.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the rotunda at the Statehouse, followed immediately by a memorial service.

Mr. Schreiber died of cancer which was discovered in October, six weeks after his wife, Connie Bainbridge Schreiber, gave birth to a son, William.

State Rep. John D. Gregg, D-Sandborn, a close friend, said Thursday: "He was probably the smartest Democratic politician, with a razor-sharp wit, to hit Indiana in the '70s and '80s and this decade."

Mr. Schreiber was the mastermind behind the election in 1990 of a majority of Democrats to the Indiana House of Representatives, ending 15 years of Republican control.