You have virtually halted judicial reform, which was designed to make the administration of justice truly independent from the other branches of government. You openly professed the principle, ''Let the innocent suffer as long as the guilty are punished.''

You loudly proclaimed the launching of a war on organized crime. In order to implement this, you granted exceptional, extralegal authority to the security ministries. The result? The criminals continue to roam freely, while law-abiding citizens have to tolerate the abuse of the uniformed forces without gaining the security they were promised.

You stated that your goal was the preservation and strengthening of the Russian Federation's territorial integrity. The result? A shameful and bungled civil war which has been raging in the North Caucasus for more than a year. Under the guise of strengthening Russia's defense capability, you've blocked all military reforms which would give Russia an effective modern army. The result? Spending on the army is growing, and the number of generals has increased to an indecent figure. In order to justify their existence, the term of service has been increased and draft deferments have been ended. Meanwhile, soldiers and officers are impoverished, ragged and hungry. And the degradation, ill-treatment and corruption, traditional in our army, are as prevalent as ever. Not surprisingly, tens of thousands of young men are evading this medieval recruitment like the plague.

You speak of a policy of openness, of transparency and of public accountability, yet at the same time you sign secret decrees concerning the most important matters of state. You create closed institutions, and you classify as secret ever more information about government operations and the state of the country. Presidential decisions are made almost in the same backroom fashion as in the era of the Politburo. It's no secret that you increasingly depend on the security services and on their system of clandestine information. Isn't it obvious to you how unreliable and tendentious this information is?

The thrust of your personnel policy is becoming clearer with each passing day. At first there were quite a few competent, honorable people around you. But you also enthusiastically welcomed individuals whose only virtue consisted in their personal loyalty to you. Gradually such loyalty has become your primary demand when recruiting staff, just as it was in the heyday of the Community Party. . . .

You began your democratic career as a forceful and energetic crusader against official deceit and party disposition, but you are ending it as the obedient executor of the will of the power-seekers in your entourage. You took an oath to build a government of the people and for the people, but instead you have built a bureaucratic pyramid over the people and against the people. Moreover, having rejected democratic values and principles, you haven't stopped using the word ''democracy'' so that naive people may well believe that ''democrats'' remain in power in the Kremlin. Your policies have compromised the very word, and if democracy is fated to someday exist in Russia (and I believe it will), it will exist not because of you, but in spite of you.

PIONEERING DR. DAZELLE SIMPSON RETIRES

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a native Miamian and the first black pediatrician in Florida, on the occasion of her retirement after 42 years. Dr. Dazelle Simpson has contributed significantly to the Miami community but, she also has been a faithful and active member of the National Medical Association. She has chaired the pediatrics section. She has been honored as outstanding physician by the National Medical Association.

During her lifetime, Dr. Simpson has achieved and recorded many firsts. She was first in her high school, college, medical school, the first black pediatrician in Florida, the first to achieve specialist certification in her field, the first black president of the Greater Miami Pediatrics Society, the first black board of trustees member of a medical school, the first to set up and finance a scholarship fund for black health professional student in Florida and the first alumni association president to raise $1 million for her school.

As with many strong women, she did this all while maintaining one of the most successful medical practices in the county, raising a family, running a family business, attending to church and community needs, and caring for sick family members.

In tribute to Dr. Simpson, a gala event is planned for Saturday, February 3, 1996. The day of honor will also feature a health symposium cosponsored by Meharry Medical College.

THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ''CHALLENGER'' ACCIDENT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago, the names Onizuka, McAuliffe, Jarvis, Resnik, Smith, Scobee, and McNair became a part of this Nation's history. Ten years ago those seven individuals lost their lives in the service for both their country and mankind. Their tragic loss touched us all very deeply and has left an indelible mark on the national psyche of this country.

Today, I pay tribute to those seven men and women in a small way by recognizing their bravery and the memory of their contributions to not only the lives of their friends and family, but to the whole of humanity. These individuals represent the best in all of us and it is in their memory that we should devote ourselves to continuing what they began.

Humans have always possessed an inherent drive to explore and expand their boundaries. Our exploration of space has been important for more reasons than the technological advances and resulting benefits to society; it represents an undeniable part of us all. From the beginning, this country has recognized the importance of space and always taken a leading role in its development and investigation. While inundated with more earthly concerns such as budget deficits, crime, and international peace, it is often easy to forget our commitment to the enterprise of space and its value to the United States and the international community. In remembering the *Challenger,* let us also take a minute to recall the purpose for which its crew was dedicated.

Let me also thank the families of these American heroes for their continued support of the space program and the efforts to which the *Challenger* Seven dedicated their lives. Nothing we say here today can adequately repay the debt that is owed, or sufficiently express the feelings of sorrow that are universally felt. We can, however, pay those seven souls no greater tribute than to carry on the work in which they believed in and for which they paid the ultimate sacrifice for. It is important that we properly fund this dynamic work for the 21st century and insure that America remains first in space exploration.

HONORING THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM OF NEW BRITAIN

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise to pay tribute to the work being done by RoseAnne Bilodeau and her staff at the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program of New Britain. There is no question that the dramatic increase in the incidence of teen pregnancy is one of the major causes of poverty amongst women and children. As the director of New Britain's program, Ms. Bilodeau was invited to join President Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary, Donna Shalala to discuss the President's task force on teen pregnancy prevention and the establishment of public-private partnerships.

The work being done by the dedicated staff of New Britain's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program is exceptional and even in these uncertain times, the program is thriving. The staff and board have demonstrated forward thinking in reaching out to private industry and foundations for funding and in doing so, has captured national recognition and the attention of the President of the United States. I am proud to have such a noteworthy and successful program within my district and will continued to work in support of their efforts to make a positive long term impact on the lives of New Britain's young people.

THE DALLAS COWBOYS: DOMINATING THE DECADE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the accomplishments of the Dallas Cowboys, and to nominate them for the unofficial title of ''Team of the 90's.'' Although faced with considerable

adversity during the long season, the Cowboys stayed together as a team and accomplished their goal of capturing a third Super Bowl in four seasons.

From Deion Sanders to Daryl Johnston, from Tony Tolbert to Nate Newton, the Cowboys achieved their goal through hard work and dedication to a single purpose. All across Texas, Cowboys fans salute the total team effort put forth on Super Bowl Sunday and throughout the season.

Although the headliners like Troy, Emmitt, and Michael deservedly received the majority of the spotlight, special recognition appropriately went to Texas Christian University's own Larry Brown, the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player. A 12th round draft pick, Brown has shown admirable determination to rise to the top of the National Football League. As a graduate of TCU, I was especially pleased with his selection as MVP.

From all of your fans, Dallas Cowboys, thank you for a wonderful ride in Super Bowl XXX.

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR TREATMENT OF THE HAND AND UPPER EXTREMITY AT THE UNION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an innovative organization that is providing leadership and direction in the care of the millions of individuals afflicted with hand and upper extremity disorders and injuries. Included among these individuals are significant numbers of military personnel who suffer from repetitive motion disorders, loss of extremities, and other dysfunctional injuries to the hand.

The Raymond M. Curtis Hand Center at the Union Memorial Hospital has established a National Center for Treatment of the Hand and Upper Extremity. The mission of the center is the initiation of clinical guidelines for treatment, collection of data government, labor, and industry and leadership for training and research in the field of hand and upper extremity surgery.

It is estimated that more than 16 million people experienced upper extremity injuries, accounting for 90 million days of restricted activity and 16 million days lost from work in a year with a total direct and indirect cost of $10 billion. In fact, one-third of all injuries, military and civilian, involve upper extremities.

The center and its staff have long been associated with the Army Medical Corps and as an expression of commitment to both the military and the field of hand surgery, the Curtis Hand Center has trained every Army hand surgeon since World War II at no expense to the Department of Defense. Staff from the hand center also regularly speak at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda and the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The national center is a cost-effective treatment for Maryland and the Nation. In 1992, the most frequent hand surgery procedure, carpal tunnel release, was performed by hand center staff at 22 percent below the average charge of other Maryland hosptials'. While maintaining the Curtis Hand Center's history of multidisciplinary cost-effective care, the national center will expand current patient capabilities and referral services to neighboring States. Outreach centers will be established throughout the State to provide localized care in areas not currently capable of treating hand and upper extremity injuries.

The national center also will train hand therapists in an effort to address the shortage of these professionals. The center will train occupational and physical therapists and develop a curriculum for this training that can be replicated at hospitals throughout the country. The hand center's current physician training capabilities are being expanded, including the staff's work with the armed services, regional hospital and universities, and foreign hand specialists.

At the core of the national center's work, though, is basic research on the future of hand surgery. Led by the hand center's research director, Dr. Thomas Burshart, the national center will be at the vanguard of research on nerve regeneration, carpal tunnel syndrome, and prosthetic devices.

The hand center has received several commendations in the past from the National Security Appropriations Subcommittee, which praised the center's work and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, which recognized the important work of the center in 1994. Members of the center's staff are in ongoing discussions with the Department of the Army and the Office of Defense Health Programs to explore ways in which they may work together to further enhance the military's specialized surgical capabilities.

The center has and deserves broad-based support from all who come in contact with it, from the Department of Defense to other health care professionals to the thousands of people who have been treated there. It is my hope that the center will be able to continue to grow and prosper, as it will clearly benefit all Americans. I invite all of my colleagues to visit the center, and to join me in supporting it in its mission.

RECOGNITION OF ''PORTRAITS IN BLACK'' BUFFALO SOLDIERS EXHIBIT

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important art exhibit recently opened in San Francisco. Sponsored by the African-American Historical and Cultural Society, ''Portraits in Black'' presents a detailed history of the Buffalo Soldiers—a select group of African-American soldiers and cowboys who fought heroically for our country at home and abroad.

Too often, the history of the Old West and the settling of the Western frontier has neglected to portray the important role played by these African-American soldiers and cowboys. Through a series of photos, narratives, and artifacts, ''Portraits in Black'' proudly advances the significance of the contributions made by these daring American heroes.

The Buffalo Soldiers have a long and proud history of association with the Presidio of San Francisco. The 9th Cavalry was stationed at the Presidio around the turn of the century. These soldiers served as an escort of honor for President Theodore Roosevelt. Some historians estimate as many as 500 Buffalo Soldiers are buried in the Presidio's National Cemetery.

Buffalo Soldiers were so named by native Americans in recognition of their courage and decency as warriors. Most of their achievements were not chronicled in history texts, making it very important for other avenues of learning, such as this exhibit, to flourish.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work of the African-American Historical and Cultural Society for its role in presenting this magnificent exhibit. On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I join with the society and the many others who honor the Buffalo Soldiers for their important contribution to American history.