

Point and Tuskegee—from the battlefield of Bunkerhill and ships at Pearl Harbor, African American patriotism and bravery is legendary.

Listen closely young African Americans to this roll call: Colonel Charles Young; Brigadier General B.O. Davis, Sr.; Lieutenant General B.O. Davis, Jr.; Four Star General Daniel "Chappie" James; Admiral Samuel Gravelly, U.S. Navy; Colin Powell, Four Star General, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and proposed President candidate.

Go!Go! Young soldiers and sailors. Earn your stripes, bars, eagles and stars. Reach for the top brass. You can do it!

African American statesmen and international achievers of rare distinction are our authentic heroes. Remember Ralph J. Bunch, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, Awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize; Donald McHenry, Ambassador to the United Nations; Andrew J. Young, Ambassador to the United Nations; Ruth Simmons, President of Smith College; Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women; Ronald McNair, physicist, astronaut, perished in space exploration; Mae Jemison, M.D., first Afro-American in space exploration; Alex Haley, author of *Roots*; Ron Brown, Chairman, Democratic National Committee, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Marion Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund; Joe Louis, Muhammed Ali, boxers; Benjamin Mays, theologian, President of Morehouse College; Samuel Proctor, President, Virginia Union University, theologian, Boston and Duke University Divinity Schools; Franklin Thomas, President, Ford Foundation; Toni Morrison, novelist and awardee of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Go!Go! You super high chargers! There is no limit on what you can accomplish. There are new words to conquer. Always questions in search of answers. Give it your very best! Come back and take someone with you!

The African American political legacy, a chronicle of Elan Vital, fifty years of precedent setters, who have progressed from ward leaders to mayors, to State Houses, to the U.S. Congress. They are the unmatchables of their time. Remember Adam Clayton Powell, Congressman from Harlem; Eddie Brooke, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman from Brooklyn; Carl B. Stokes, Mayor of Cleveland, Ambassador; Louis Stokes, Congressman from Cleveland and Chairman of U.S. House Assassination Committee; Barbara Jordan, attorney, Congresswoman from Houston, Texas and professor of government; Carol Mosely-Braun, U.S. Senator from Illinois; Tom Bradley, 20-year Mayor of Los Angeles; Willie Brown, Speaker, State Assembly of California and Mayor of San Francisco; William Gray, III, Congressman from Philadelphia and Chairman, U.S. House Budget Committee, President, United Negro College Fund; Douglas Wilder, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Kewesi Mfume, Congressman from Baltimore, Chairman of Congressional Black Caucus, President of the NAACP, and many illustrious others.

Young African American politicians, you have an amazing legacy. Big Boots? 'Yes, try them on—in success. One size fits all; no problem. You can do it! New political gerrymandered district lines, Plessy/Ferguson mentality, Christian "Wrong" Coalition and Affirmative Action reversals are mandates to go and scale the mountains of hypocrisy. Climb! Progress is like a pyramid—each block at the base makes possible many more on the way up. Hang in there, intrepid ones! Climb down and take someone back with you!

African American Revolutionaries for change are keepers of the Covenant of Free-

dom, torch lighters and standard bearers for the fearless marching feet of souls in the army of Justice. The rolls are too numerous to call, but their record is enshrined in memory—ink and blood. Forget them not!

Remember Richard Allen, founder of the AME Church; Nat Turner, insurrectionist; Harriet Tubman, Engineer underground Railroad; Frederick Douglass, abolitionist writer and orator, Daniel Payne, Founder of Wilberforce University, first African American institution of higher education, Bishop, AME Church W.E.B. Dubois, founder NAACP, expatriate; Reverdy C. Ranson, Niagara Movement, leader hiring of first Black policeman in New York City, Bishop AME Church; Mary M. Bethune, educator, founder, Bethune Cookman College; Marcus Garvey, self help and back to Africa movement; A. Phillip Randolph, founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, father of Black protest marches on Washington and Chair of NAACP National Labor and Industry Committee; Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of NAACP; Joseph Gomez, pastor, lecturer, philosopher, bishop, AME Church; Jackie Robinson, barrier breaker, major league baseball, do-chairman, NAACP life membership committee; Rosa Parks, member, AME Church, NAACP youth council adviser and mother of the civil rights movement; Robert Williams, President, Union County, North Carolina NAACP, founder and president of People's Association for Human Rights; Jesse Jackson, founder of PUSH, Presidential candidate; Myrlie Evers-Williams, chairperson, NAACP; Harry Moore, slain NAACP official in Florida; Edgar Evers, slain NAACP Field Secretary in Mississippi; Malcolm X, slain Muslim leader; Martin Luther King, Jr., slain leader of the civil rights movement, President of SCLC, awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize and many, many more.

Go! Go! You, young African Americans—Excel! Lead on, you new keepers of the Covenant. Be fearless, honest to your African American heritage—speak up for justice, protect the weak, banish poverty of the spirit, pursue protest with diligence and strengthen your religious faith. You can do it! Go, super charger achievers! We are counting on you! Come back and take someone with you!

Young African Americans—The past is an encyclopedia of redeemable legacies, not just a record of subjugation, but a call to fulfill an ancient pledge given to each generation to make its payment to justice and destiny.

Keep the faith, young African Americans! Charge onward and upward and take someone with you.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 347, the Allard amendment, which would eliminate \$5 million in appropriations for the Technology Administration which develops and promotes politics and programs that facilitate private sector innovations, I was unavoidably detained on official business with staff members of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

#### FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the legislative session on Tuesday, July 23. President Clinton was my guest in my congressional district. The President made import announcements concerning privatization efforts at McClellan Air Force Base, and my proper place on Tuesday was with my constituents and the President.

But I very much wanted to be present for the unanimous vote on the Food Quality Protection Act, H.R. 1627. Had I been present, I would have supported a unanimous House in voting to approve this important legislation.

H.R. 1627 is a significant leap forward on an issue critical to the future of agriculture production in the United States.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 1627 in this Congress and similar legislation in past congresses, and I have recently supported efforts to move this legislation forward during this session.

Many people thought that was an impossibility for several reasons. They said the 104th Congress is too partisan. They said the issues were too complex. They said no balance could be found between the health and safety of our people and the needs of our growers and others in agriculture.

But I felt all along that there was common ground. I felt we could set strong health standards and provide consumers with the information they need to make informed choices. I felt we could update the Delaney clause while preserving food safety for our citizens.

The unanimity of both the Commerce Committee and now the House demonstrates that we could indeed achieve that balance. This overwhelming support is indicative of a spirit sometimes lacking in our deliberations on other important issues, and I hope the spirit is catching.

The compromise legislation replaces the zero residue standard for raw and processed foods with one that protects consumer health. Safety standard would ensure that pesticide residues on both raw and processed foods pose no reasonable risk of harm.

Yet our growers have assurance that they can continue to use pesticides critical to domestic food production. And there will be more leeway for our companies who are developing the products of the future that will help us continue to produce the most abundant and affordable food supply in the world.

In addition, by creating a reasonable health-based national standard, uniformity is achieved that will facilitate commerce across our country. Manufacturers, suppliers and others engaged in supplying pesticides for agricultural production can do so with full knowledge of all applicable standards and regulations.

Perhaps most importantly, this bill protects our children. By treating our children and their eating habits as the special cases they are, even stricter safety rules are permitted to protect kids during critical stages of development.

In short, this bill is a "win-win" situation for our farmers and others involved in food production, and for all Americans who depend on