

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
RONALD V. DELLUMS

SPEECH OF

**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 1998*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to RON DELLUMS—a distinguished member of this body who has announced that he will retire this Friday.

The House will lose an outstanding Member of Congress with Representative DELLUMS's retirement. Congressman DELLUMS has served his constituents and the United States well and faithfully in the 27 years since he was first elected to Congress.

RON DELLUMS's career before his election to Congress helped prepare him for his outstanding service in the House. His service in the U.S. Marine Corps provided him with experience that would be of great use during his many years on the House Armed Services Committee. His experiences as a social worker and as a job training and development program manager provided him with insights into the everyday problems facing many American families. And his service on the Berkeley City Council provided him with valuable first-hand knowledge of the challenges facing municipal governments.

RON DELLUMS was first elected to Congress in 1970, campaigning on a platform of civil rights, environmentalism, and social justice. He clearly delivered on that promise in his first term and in his subsequent terms.

In his 14 terms in office, RON DELLUMS has served on a number of different committees, including the Foreign Affairs Committee, the National Security/Armed Services Committee, the District of Columbia Committee, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Select Committee to Investigate the Intelligence Community. He served as chairman of the Armed Services Committee and of the District of Columbia Committee; he has the distinction of being the first Member of Congress to chair two different House standing committees.

RON DELLUMS has earned his reputation as an opponent of wasteful military spending. He believed that the defense budget could be reduced significantly without compromising our national security. He was unswerving in his efforts to cut military spending and shift federal resources to addressing pressing domestic needs. He worked diligently to halt the nuclear arms race, and with that end in mind he was a vocal opponent of strategically unwise weapons systems like the MX Missile and the B-2 Bomber.

Congressman DELLUMS was instrumental in recent years in drafting and offering an annual alternative budget that reflected progressive, fiscally responsible policies rather than the status quo, and he was an articulate and respected advocate for dramatic changes in federal spending priorities.

Congressman DELLUMS was active in a number of other areas as well. He introduced health care reform legislation as early as 1977. He introduced housing legislation and infant mortality bills. He led the fight against Apartheid in South Africa, introducing legislation as early as 1971 to impose economic

sanctions on that country. He worked to help create the Department of Education and to fully fund Head Start. He was involved in environmental issues like dredging. And he was a strong supporter of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 1987.

Congressman DELLUMS has had a remarkable career in the House. He has left his mark, made many friends, and earned great respect on both sides of the aisle.

RON, we will miss you here in the House. We will miss your insight, your passion, your eloquence, and your sense of perspective. We wish you well in your future endeavors.

CORINNE ROTH SMITH NAMED  
HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARDEE  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating a Central New York woman of whom I and my community are very proud, Corinne Roth Smith, the 1997 Hannah G. Solomon Award Recipient.

This prestigious award is named in the memory of the founder of the National Council of Jewish Women. The concerns of the NCJW include the improvement of the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds. To paraphrase the recent tribute: Corinne Smith has helped to change and expand the role of other women in vital areas of the community. Her leadership has motivated others to fight for change and has resulted in public enlightenment.

This is the 25th year in which the NCJW's Greater Syracuse Section has presented this award. As I salute Corinne Smith, I congratulate the Syracuse Section as well.

Corinne is a volunteer, organizer and community leader extraordinaire. She has led the United Way, been a board member of Hillel, chaired the Federal Campaign for the Jewish Community Center, and in fact was the first woman to serve as President of the JCC.

She has received the Jewish Family Service Humanitarian Award, as well as the Syracuse Post-Standard Woman of Achievement in Education award. As the Dean of Academic Programs for the School of Education at Syracuse University, Corinne has touched the lives of students, families and even indirectly other academicians through her outstanding publications which deal with learning disabilities, her specialty area.

It is with great pride that I enter Corinne Smith's name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today as a exemplary citizen, a mother, wife, and civic leader who rightly deserves this tremendous honor as well as our great esteem and deep respect.

HONORING THE REVEREND HARRISON T. SIMONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE AREA OF RACE RELATIONS

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the Congress to the work of the Reverend Harrison T. Simons of Oxford, North Carolina, for outstanding public service in the area of race relations. Reverend Simons received the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award on November 22, 1997 given by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. The Nancy Susan Reynolds Award was founded "to seek out unsung heroes who have made a difference in their North Carolina communities."

On January 1, 1998, Reverend Simons retired from his position as rector of St. Stephen's Church and vicar of St. Cyprians Church in Oxford. As our nation prepares to celebrate Black History Month, it is appropriate to honor the work of Reverend Harrison, for his more than twenty-five years of service to the cause of racial harmony. I commend the work of Reverend Harrison and all members of the Oxford, North Carolina community of all backgrounds for their work in enhancing relations among people of every race. The Nancy Susan Reynolds Award to Reverend Harrison proclaims the following:

THE 1997 NANCY SUSAN REYNOLDS AWARDS

When Z. Smith Reynolds died in 1932, his two sisters and brother wanted their portion of his estate to benefit the people of North Carolina who had helped to create that wealth. So they formed the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in 1936. When their uncle, William Neal Reynolds, died in 1951, he left the majority of his estate to provide additional support to the Foundation.

One of the founders of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was Smith Reynolds' sister, Nancy Susan Reynolds, who has been called "the most remarkable woman of widely diversified philanthropy in Twentieth Century America." She believed in taking risks, even risking failure; she respected leadership and those who exhibited the courage "to try again and again."

She held strongest to the conviction that the best societies are those built from the bottom up and that a good community is not improved by grand gestures alone but by many people working together for common goals. In 1986 the Trustees of the Foundation created the Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards to honor her by seeking out unsung heroes who have made a difference in their North Carolina communities.

This is the twelfth year that the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has presented the Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, recognizing the uncommon leadership of North Carolinians whose vision, determination, resourcefulness, and strength of character have caused them to succeed where other individuals would have failed.

Even today, few people outside the recipients' neighborhoods would recognize their names. You will not find among the previous winners a governor, a corporate executive, or a bishop. You will find a priest, a teacher, a carpenter, a forester, a farmer, a librarian, and a physician assistant. What is remarkable is how each, usually with limited resources and in spite of the odds, has accomplished extraordinary good in his or her community.

The recipients this year—a Catholic nun from Belmont, an Episcopal priest from Oxford, and a dynamic young woman from Sunbury—are no less remarkable.

During its history, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has made grants of more than \$240 million to projects in all 100 counties in North Carolina. While the Foundation's geographic boundary of North Carolina is firm, the Foundation's grantsmaking strives to be far-reaching. It often seeks to initiate rather than to react, to question rather than to accept, to challenge rather than to affirm. The Foundation currently gives special attention to certain focus areas—community economic development, the environment, pre-collegiate education, issues affecting minorities, and issues affecting women.

#### LATIN AMERICA: PROGRESS IN DEMOCRACY

### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, while members were in their districts for the recent recess, several countries in Latin America and the Caribbean held important political elections. In every instance, these elections were seen as free, fair and transparent as observed by representatives of the international community. These success stories have once again demonstrated the growing acceptance and strength of democracy in the region. This nation has worked very hard to promote regional democracy through our Agency for International Development as well as through our efforts here in the Congress. As Chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, I believe we can be very encouraged by the progress that is being made and we should commend those nations, and others, for their commitment to democracy and free and open elections.

I also want to commend the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean for the economic progress they are making as many of them progress to open market economies. According to a recent report by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean experienced their best economic performance as a region in almost twenty-five years averaging a rate of growth of close to 5.3 percent while experiencing an average inflation rate of just 11 percent. This is truly good news and serves to reinforce the fact that the region is making steady and impressive progress.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate President Janet Jagan of Guyana, President Carlos Flores of Honduras, Prime Minister P.J. Patterson of Jamaica, President Miguel Rodriguez of Costa Rica, as well as all of the candidates for Congress and municipal seats in both Chile and Colombia who won their respective elections.

Mr. Speaker, I am submitting a brief description of several of the elections which took place during the recess.

Colombia—On October 26, 1997, Colombia held nationwide municipal elections. These elections portrayed the worst and best aspects of modern Colombian democracy. Unfortunately, leftist rebels (a.k.a. "narco-guerrillas") attempted to disrupt the elections, especially

in the rural areas which they control, by kidnapping and murdering many of the candidates. These efforts were modestly successful in twenty municipalities where elections were not held. Despite this disruption, and more positively, over 10 million Colombians voted, showing their strong support for the electoral process. The right to choose municipal officers is only about ten years old, so this affirmation of that right is encouraging, considering the rebels and drug lords assault on Colombia's democracy.

Guyana—The December 1997 presidential election was won by Janet Jagan's People's Progressive Party (the Chicago-born widow of the former president). However, this election was significant in that the opposition People's National Congress fomented rioting for several weeks after disputing the election results, charging fraud in the victory of the People's Progressive Party. Many experts, including those at International Foundation for Elections Systems, agreed that there were irregularities, but doubted that they had any conclusive impact on the outcome. Recently, the opposition signed an agreement with President Jagan to accept the results of the vote and end the street demonstrations.

Honduras—The November 1997 presidential election was momentous for the fact that it allowed the citizens for the first time to vote in their residential districts using new national identity ID cards. As a result, there was much less confusion for voters and irregularities were held to a minimum as the Liberal Party's Carlos Flores won the presidency. Importantly, the army played a vital role of supporting democracy. Observers noted that if it had not been for the army's help in transporting the ballots and election results, the chances of fraud and diminished public confidence would have been much greater. The Honduran governments is committed to addressing problems for future elections as well: turnout has dropped off somewhat, and the voter list is not as accurate as it should be.

Jamaica—The December 1997 parliamentary elections witnessed the historic second re-election of Prime Minister P.J. Patterson's People's National Party over the Jamaican Labour Party and the National Democratic Movement. While the elections were mostly free and fair across the country and the results are not in dispute, international observers, which included President Carter and Gen. Powell, noted that Jamaican politics still suffers from the problem of the garrison communities in the capital of Kingston. These are parts of the city wherein one of the major parties is dominant by means of patronage or intimidation; therefore, election results continue to return few or no opposition votes in these communities.

Chile—The December 1997 congressional elections resulted in victory for the Concertacion, the center left ruling coalition, and improved showings for both the hard right and the hard left; the more moderate left- and right-wing forces did worse than last time out. Aside from some poll workers showing up late for work, a commonality in Latin America, and a high abstention rate, there were no irregularities, and the vote represents for many observers evidence that Chile's democracy is quite stable.

HONORING WHITE HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of a dedicated group of young men who worked together in the true spirit of sportsmanship to achieve a long-awaited goal.

The group is the White House High School Blue Devils football team of White House, Tennessee, and that goal was winning the state 3-A championship game. Their hard-fought victory, and the hard-work and dedication they demonstrated throughout the year will not go unnoticed.

After all, they were honored as Region 4 Champions, 3-A State Champions and had a perfect 15-0 record. The team also had 5 Associated Press All State players, 2 Tennessee Sportswriters All-State players and 8 All Region 1st team members.

These men of White House High School trained vigorously, played tirelessly, and deserve recognition for a job well done.

I congratulate each member of the team, their Head Coach, Jeff Porter, and all the assistant coaches, managers, school administrators and all other support staff. I know they won't soon forget this milestone, and those that are still to come.

The players are true champions: Jarod Jullierat, Corey Coker, Joey Rodgers, Jim Smith, J.R. Carroll, Andy Tucker, Ryan Sherrill, James Harper, Chris Barnes, Rudy Farmer, Brock Waggoner, Brian Whittaker, Josh Lanus, Jonathan Finch, Josh Barton, Chuckie Jarrett, Clint Ruth, Brent Bunn, Josh Harrison, Eddie Carrigan, Jeremy Perry, Alan Hargrove, Jon Shelton, Adam Smith, Jim Stacey, Brian Jones, Jon Simpson, Jason Faulk, Chad Rogers, Josh Ahmic, Roger Smith, Chris Gaddis, Chris Laroy, Tyler Judge, Scott Hawkins, Will Bush, Aaron Holmes, Jeremy Adcock, Ryan Cole, Jesse Sharp, Kevin Harris, Dustin King, Joseph Dillehay, Justin O'Guin, Josh Widener, Nathan Jarrett, Joe Bledsoe, Daniel Gray, David Mapes, Andrew McGreggor, Jessie Wagner, Michael Day, Matt Armistead, Josh McEarl, Adam Hanes, Jason Buckner, Ryan Holmes, Jonathan Miller, Mychael Smith, Ricky Ellis, Eric Carpenter, Clinton Van Der Westhuizen, Gary Adcock, Darrell McDaniel, Robert Keene, Brandon Barker, Joe Armistead, Casey Nash, Brandon Scott, Todd Stephens, and Pete Bloodworth.

#### HONORING RENEÉ NOLAN AND FRIENDS

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of remarkable young women in the 11th District of New Jersey and to share with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives a story of selflessness and friendship.