

introduction of Catholicism. The Indian proclamation, however, also stated that the period of settlement "brought great suffering and pain" for both the Pueblo people and the colonizers.

This day of reconciliation in late April focused on forging stronger ties between Spain and the Indian pueblos, with the promise of educational, economic development and cultural opportunities.

As a follow-up to the promises of this historic reconciliation, hundreds of New Mexicans, are planning to go to Spain in November on a trade and cultural exchange mission.

The Spanish Vice President Alvarez-Cascos summarized the day in his remark that, "We are the sons of our past history, but we are also the fathers of our future." He said the two peoples "want to know each other better to build a new friendship."

A sacred buffalo dance was performed by Pueblo dancers with men wearing authentic buffalo headdresses. Hundreds of New Mexicans attended this outdoor event on the San Juan Pueblo Plaza in spite of the blustery weather. The spirit of unity and harmony was apparent to all who attended.

Thus the original site where Oñate met the Ohkay Owingeh Indians, Place of the Strong People, and renamed their home San Juan de los Caballeros (hence, the San Juan Indians), was also the sight of a powerful reconciliation meeting 400 years after Oñate proclaimed it the capitol of the Kingdom of New Mexico.

The Spanish delegation also visited the site of the future Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As planned, this will be our nation's largest Hispanic cultural center.

To build this national and international cultural center, local public and private contributions have been raised, exceeding \$20 million. These funds will build an art gallery, museum, restaurant, ballroom, amphitheater, and literary arts center.

Federal money of about \$18 million will be used to match these local contributions and to build the planned Hispanic Performing Arts Center. Altogether, approximately \$40 million will be invested in this new cultural and educational attraction featuring the many aspects of Hispanic culture, history, and arts.

We New Mexicans are looking forward to this new showcase for Hispanic art, dance, music, food, and history. I feel a new pride among Hispanics of New Mexico as they prepare to offer this new treasure for the enjoyment of visitors from all over America and the world.

In master calendars of New Mexico events for the Cuarto Centenario, over 180 events are listed. These range in purpose from lectures and reenactments to cultural performances, and parades. Prominent New Mexico women in the arts, politics, and education will be featured in "Nuestra

Mujeras" (Our Women). The "Día de La Raza" (Day of Hispanics) will be a major event in October with events at the University of New Mexico, the new Albuquerque Civic Plaza, and the Albuquerque Museum. When moving events like these are attended and remembered, New Mexico and America will have a better sense of pride in its Spanish roots.

As our nation celebrates and acknowledges Hispanic Heritage Month in 1998, I wish to commend the thousands of New Mexicans who have worked so hard to bring their Spanish heritage to the forefront during the Cuarto Centenario—the 400th anniversary of the first permanent Spanish settlement in the Southwest. Americans can be grateful for these fine moments of remembrance, reconciliation, and cultural gems for creating a stronger future.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 892. An act to designate the Federal building located at 236 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron Henry Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 2508. An act to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, California, to the City of Tracy, California.

H.R. 3007. An act to establish the Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development.

H.R. 3332. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4083. An Act to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America."

H.R. 4309. An act to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration.

H. Con. Res. 224. Concurrent resolution urging international cooperation in recovering children abducted in the United States and taken to other countries.

H. Con. Res. 254. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal of-

fenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2032. An act to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2206. An act to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the culpability of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 115. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 892. An act to designate the Federal building located at 236 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron Henry Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2508. An act to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, California, to the City of Tracy, California; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3332. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4083. An act to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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H. Con. Res. 254. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6939. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transactions with Affiliates; Reverse Repurchase Agreements" received on August 13, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6940. A communication from the Director of the United States Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Thefts From Military Arsenals of Firearms, Explosives and Other Materials of Potential Use to Terrorists" for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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-533. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (Blumenfeld) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-534. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (H. Urban) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-535. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (Wanderlich) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-536. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (U. Renkewitz) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-537. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (A. Urban) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-538. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (M. Renkewitz) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-539. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (Potschke) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-540. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Common-

wealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11-65

Whereas the United States Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, chaired by senator Frank H. Murkowski has approved a substitute amendment to Senate Bill 1275 which would provide for the full extension of the Immigration and Nationality Act to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI") contingent upon certain findings by the US Attorney General; and

Whereas, the CNMI has been working diligently and in good faith to make progress in resolving the immigration and labor issues Senator Murkowski addressed at the March 31, 1998 hearing on Senate Bill 1275 in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the CNMI has offered to work together with the appropriate federal agencies to address the issues of mutual concern between the United States and the CNMI without the need for the US Congress to enact the proposed legislation which would amend the Covenant; and

Whereas, the CNMI was not provided the opportunity to address the Committee regarding the amendment to Senate Bill 1275; and

Whereas, the proposed enactment of Senate Bill 1275 as amended would circumvent the Covenant's 902 negotiation process; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives, Eleventh Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, That the House; requests the United States Congress to consider the position of the CNMI and to reject Senate Bill 1275 as amended and to require the Commonwealth and Federal Government to consult and negotiate with each other on immigration and labor issues; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall certify and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter transmit copies to the Honorable Albert Gore, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader, the Honorable Don Nickles, Assistant Majority Leader; the Honorable Larry Craig, Chairman, Republican Policy Committee; the Honorable Connie Mack, Chairman, Republican Conference; the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, Minority Leader; the Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Chairman, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman, Senate Armed Service Committee; the Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato, Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chairman, Senate Budget Committee; the Honorable John McCain, Chairman, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; the Honorable John H. Chafee, Chairman, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; the Honorable William V. Roth, Jr., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee and the Joint Committee on Taxation; the Honorable Jesse Helms, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the Honorable Fred Thompson, Chairman, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee; the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Chairman, Senate Indian Affairs Committee; the Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee; the Honorable Jim M. Jeffords, Chairman, Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee; the Honorable John W. Warner, Chairman, Senate Rules and Administration Committee; the Honorable Christopher "Kit" S.*

Bond, Chairman, Senate Small Business Committee; the Honorable Arlen Specter, Chairman, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee; the Honorable Robert C. Smith, Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Ethics; the Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Chairman, Senate Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Special Committee on the Aging; the Honorable John W. Warner, Chairman, Joint Committee on Printing; the Chairman and members of the United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, the Honorable Craig Thomas, the Honorable Jon L. Kyl, the Honorable Rod Grams, the Honorable Gordon Smith, the Honorable Slade Gorton, the Honorable Conrad Burns, the Honorable Dale Bumpers, the Honorable Wendell H. Ford, the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, the Honorable Byron L. Dorgan, the Honorable Bob Graham, the Honorable Ron Wyden, the Honorable Tim Johnson, the Honorable Mary Landrieu; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable Richard Arme, US House Majority Leader; the Honorable Tom Delay, US House Majority Whip; the Honorable Dan Burton, Chairman, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee; the Honorable Don Young, Chairman, House Resources Committee; the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; the Honorable Jesus R. Sablan, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and to the Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Washington Representative of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on June 19, 1998.

POM-541. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

Whereas, In a country such as ours, blessed with constitutionally protected religious freedom, there is an unfortunate tendency to overlook the restrictions of religious liberty placed upon people of faith worldwide; and

Whereas, Disturbing incidents of anti-Semitic violence and oppression, including neo-Nazi slogans and practices in Europe and the former Soviet republics, are rekindling memories of the Holocaust; and

Whereas, It is reported that 200 million Christians worldwide are being harassed, fined, tortured, imprisoned, or otherwise persecuted for their faith, and that an additional 400 million live under severe restrictions on religious liberty; and

Whereas, The recent Chinese and American summit has reminded the world of a persecution of the Tibetan Buddhist believers; and

Whereas, The suffering or death of any human, of any or no religious faith, is wrong before God; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and the United States Congress to exercise a stance of uncompromising opposition to religious persecution around the world; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.*

Adopted by the House of Representatives, June 16, 1998.