

final vote is not enough to remove Clinton or not. Before they are finished, they will have gone as far as they can by any means possible (witnesses, furthering the independent investigation into any other areas they can find and lots and lots of press) to publicly destroy and defame Clinton.

We have a problem, because with the 51% that the Senate requires to pass each step of the way short of the removal vote, the same railroading that took place in the Congress will take place in the Senate. My fear is that this can only be stopped by the next election but by then, the ensuing media storm and the Republican spin doctors will have swayed too many innocent American minds. They have clearly demonstrated their power today by forcing a private citizen to be interviewed by the House Managers under threat of imprisonment according to her agreement with the OIC (who is now acting as a 14th House Manager). They will insist on closed door sessions for the debates regarding dismissal and witnesses and muscle the Senate in the very same way they succeeded in the Congress. The bottom line is, the Democrats want an up or down vote now, and the Republicans want to drag this on and keep the government in a state of paralysis so they can continue to humiliate the President.

They worked so hard at making war that they forgot how to make peace. They drew their line in the sand and it can't even be washed away by the tide of public outrage. The longer this goes on, the more ground we all lose, and still the President's approval ratings continue to rise. I say, NOW is the time to get over it and get back to doing our jobs. We have wasted too much time already in not representing the interests of our public. We must make peace among the parties and the branches of our government and get back to work on the PEOPLE'S agenda of education, social security reform, Medicare, the Patient's Bill of Rights, housing, anti-crime, and other issues that are important to the people who put us here to serve them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
WAXAHACHIE HIGH SCHOOL AND
ENNIS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie, Texas and Ennis High School in Ennis, Texas. Both of these schools were recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report magazine as two of the top 96 high schools in the entire country. I am pleased to represent these excellent schools in Congress.

Waxahachie and Ennis each met the magazine's rigorous criteria for "outstanding" schools. The magazine found that outstanding schools share several characteristics, including a challenging core curriculum, high expectations of the students, highly qualified teachers, effective training for new teachers, strong academic standards and expectations, strong parental involvement and support, teachers and administrators who know their students well, and high levels of student attendance.

Both of these North Texas high schools represent the best in public education. Congratu-

lations to Waxahachie High School Principal John Aune and Ennis High School Principal Linda Pirtle and the faculty, parents, and students of both schools for attaining this tremendous recognition.

I hope the standard of excellence set by Waxahachie and Ennis High Schools will serve as an example to schools across Texas and across the country. These outstanding schools are proof positive that if we hold our students and educators to high standards, they will achieve academic excellence.

A TRIBUTE TO SAN DIEGO POLICE
CHIEF JERRY SANDERS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the career and record of one of San Diego's finest citizens and my friend, Police Chief Jerry Sanders. On April 15, Chief Sanders will leave the San Diego Police Department to become President and CEO of the United Way of San Diego County.

During his tenure, crime rates in San Diego have fallen to 25 year lows. This tremendous achievement has been made possible only through the hard work, dedication to duty and personal sacrifice of the entire San Diego Police Department.

His community policing program is recognized as a model for American police forces, and for safer communities around the world. He will take with him a remarkable ability to integrate local community volunteers into the police force structure to help combat crime. And it is this trait which will ensure his success in his new role at the United Way.

I submit for the record an article from the January 13, 1999, San Diego Union Tribune which further describes Chief Sanders' outstanding achievements.

While Chief Sanders will be sorely missed at our Police Department, all citizens of San Diego should take comfort that he will continue to use his remarkable talents to better our community.

I want to thank Chief Sanders for his service to our fine city, and wish the best of success in meeting his new opportunity to continue serving our community through the United Way.

[From the San Diego Union Tribune, Jan. 13, 1999]

SAN DIEGO POLICE CHIEF WILL BE STEPPING
DOWN

HE'LL BECOME LEADER OF UNITED WAY HERE

(By Kelly Thornton)

It was a nagging voice inside Jerry Sanders, telling him he had lost too much time with his young daughters to 75-hour work weeks and phone calls in the middle of the night.

Sanders, San Diego's beloved and nationally renowned police chief for almost six years, announced his retirement yesterday to stunned colleagues during an emotional meeting at police headquarters.

The 48-year-old chief, who joined the department 26 years ago and at 42 became the department's youngest top cop, said he will step down April 15 to become president and chief executive officer of United Way of San Diego County.

"It was by far the most difficult decision of my life, bar none," said a teary-eyed Sanders at a news conference at United Way headquarters. The ever-affable chief, not usually one for formality, prepared remarks and distributed a videotaped message to his troops to avoid an emotional outburst.

"I got a little choked up and it was hard to read," Sanders said. "I think a lot of people are in shock. There was a stunned silence after I told them."

Sanders said his decision was not related to health problems, although he has struggled with digestive ailments and gout.

"I look forward to spending time with my wife and daughters," Sanders said, looking at photos of Jamie, 12, and Lisa, 15, when they were young. "I haven't seen a lot in between."

Sanders' decision was a well-kept secret. He called mayor Susan Golding, City Manager Michael Uberuaga and District Attorney Paul Pfingst early yesterday to inform them. He confided only in his wife and four friends.

Everybody else was in the dark.

Capt. Adolfo Gonzales, who attended Sanders' morning meeting, said it took a moment for the words to sink in. "I was stunned. When he asked if there were any questions, you could hear a pin drop in the room. . . . We as captains didn't have a clue."

Mayor Golding praised Sanders for bringing the community and police officers closer together. "He's done an unqualifiedly superb job as police chief and I will miss him. . . . He is genuinely loved within the community and by members of the police force, and that's rare accomplishment," Golding said.

Sanders will not be able to collect retirement until he turns 50 on July 14, 2000. At that time, he will be eligible to receive 65 percent of his annual \$128,004 salary—less than if he had remained with the department until age 50, said Lawrence Griffom, city retirement director.

As head of the United Way, Sanders will receive \$165,000 a year.

Sanders was recruited by other police departments before he was approached by United Way in October. He interviewed for the job in December and was officially offered the position yesterday. The chance to continue working with the community outside of law enforcement was "an opportunity I couldn't pass up," he said.

City Manager Uberuaga was already preparing yesterday to select a recruiting firm to conduct a national search for Sanders' replacement, though he and Golding said members of the department are encouraged to apply. The city manager will make a recommendation to the City Council, which must confirm the selection.

Among the most likely contenders for the job of overseeing 2,058 sworn officers and more than 1,000 civilians and reserve officers are assistant chiefs George Saldamando and Rulette Armstead, who competed with Sanders for the post in 1993, and David Bejarano, considered by many in the department to be a front-runner.

Bejarano coordinated security for the 1996 Republican National Convention, the 1998 Super Bowl and the recent World Series.

Whoever is chosen will have big shoes to fill.

Under Sanders' tenure, crime rates fell to their lowest levels in 25 years, mirroring a nationwide trend. The ranks of volunteers swelled to unprecedented levels. The entire beat system was restructured so that areas are patrolled as 21 communities, rather than 68 arbitrarily drawn sections.

But Sanders' legacy will be his work as a pioneer of community-oriented policing, the philosophy that pairs residents with officers and other city agencies, such as code enforcers, to fight crime.