

I can do no better in listing these challenges than by referring to the testimony, on June 16, 1999, before the Committee on International Relations of the United States House of Representatives, of the Senior Program Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean of the National Endowment for Democracy, Christopher Sabatini.

All the areas cited by Dr. Sabatini are ones to which the United States, other countries, international organizations and, I am asserting, especially Spain, can make a significant, and positive, contribution:

Strengthening the rule of law and enhancing citizen access to the judicial system. The administration of justice is weak in most countries of Latin America.

Fighting corruption. This means finding ways in which civil society can press elected officials for public access to information and can work to increase the transparency and effectiveness of election and campaign finance laws.

Building democratic political parties. Establishing viable and representative political parties is essential to democratic participation, governance and stability in Latin America.

Battling crime. The democratic solution to rising crime requires improving the criminal justice system, bolstering the police and involving civil society groups both to combat crime and check state encroachment on civil liberties.

Improving civil-military relations. Both civilians and military leaders need to understand their respective responsibilities. The armed forces should be educated on their roles and duties in a democracy.

Defending freedom of the press. Liberty of expression is fundamental to a transparent, democratic system but such freedom is under attack in Latin America. Each country must develop a national network to defend a freedom indispensable to genuine democracy.

Pressing economic growth and reducing inequality of incomes. The wide gap between rich and poor in Latin America is a continuing threat to democratic development there.

Modernizing local governments. Decentralization of resources and responsibilities can better serve citizens but only if accompanied by measures to ensure local levels of accountability.

I add, by way of generalization, that it seems to me imperative, if democratic institutions are to take root and flourish in Latin America, legislative bodies and judicial systems must, like the media, be independent of control by the executive branch of government.

ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

In all these respects, I take the further liberty of suggesting, I believe there are potential contributions to the development of democracy to be made by universities. Institutions of higher learning can play a valuable role in strengthening democracy. As two respected scholars, Jorge Balán of the Ford Foundation and Daniel C. Levy of the State University of New York at Albany, have insisted, in shaping an agenda for research on higher education policy in Latin America, it is not enough to focus on modernization. Although, they argue, political economics, public policy-making, management and leadership are all legitimate subjects for university courses, they do not suffice. Universities must also look to the study of democracy, of civil society, freedom, of transi-

tions from authoritarianism, of the consolidation of democratic regimes.

WORDS OF KING JUAN CARLOS I

Allow me to conclude these remarks with words spoken at my university just sixteen years ago by a distinguished foreign visitor. Upon receiving the degree of doctor of laws, *honoris causa*, our guest spoke of the new challenges posed by society and of the role of what he called the "humanistic vocation" in meeting those challenges. Said our eminent honoree: "For all of us, professors, students, citizens and rulers, the adaptation of . . . structures to a world in which universal values of freedom, equality and justice prevail, must be a task of high priority. It is a mission that justifies any sacrifice, and must inspire our will and our imagination."

The speaker at New York University was, of course, His Majesty, King Juan Carlos I, and his words in December 1983 eloquently invoke the spirit that draws us together today.

I congratulate all of you on your historic achievement in creating the "Comisión Española de Apoyo a la Democracia" and wish you well.

FOOTNOTES

¹"Latin America's Imperiled Progress, *Journal of Democracy*, vol. 10, no. 3, July 1999, p. 33.

²*Ibid.*

³*Ibid.*

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶"The Surprising Resilience of Elected Governments," *Journal of Democracy*, vol. 10, no. 3, July 1999, p. 101.

⁷*Ibid.*, p. 103.

⁸*Ibid.*, p. 106.

RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY LOCKE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to thank Vandalia resident Shirley Locke who has selflessly volunteered at the Fayette County Hospital's long-term care unit for the last 23 years. As a volunteer, 64-year-old Shirley Locke works seven days a week for five to nine hours a day calling bingo, serving coffee, and going on outings with the patients. "She's here more often than any other volunteer", Shelly Rosenkoetter, activities director for long-term care, said. "We don't know what we'd do without her."

Shirley wouldn't trade her volunteer work for anything. "I just wanted something to do," she said. "It's like a second home to me. I'm going to do it as long as I can." I think it is great to see people like Shirley who are willing to volunteer long hours to lend a hand to the people of her community.

IN HONOR OF OFFICER JOAN HONEBEIN AND HER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF UNION CITY, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and congratulate

Patrol Officer Joan Honebein on her retirement from twenty-five years of service to the residents of the 13th Congressional District.

Officer Honebein began her career with the Union City Police Department in 1974 when she was assigned to the patrol division. She was one of the first female patrol officers in South County. Joan, like every other officer, was responsible for handling a beat within Union City.

In 1977, Joan was selected to be the director of the Youth Services Bureau. She supervised two youth and family counselors at Y.S.B. and served as the Union City Police Department's Juvenile Officer until 1984.

In 1984, Officer Honebein returned to the patrol division to resume the duties of patrol officer and the responsibility of a beat. Joan remained a patrol officer until 1992 when she was selected to be the Court Liaison and Juvenile Detective. As a Court Liaison it was Joan's responsibility to take all pending court cases to the District Attorney's officer for review by the District Attorney. As the Juvenile Detective, she handled all juvenile cases referred to her by the patrol division. In 1997, Joan returned to the patrol division once again as a patrol officer responsible for a beat.

Joan has been a member of several Union City Police Officers Association Executive Boards, rising to the rank of Vice-President. She was also a member of the Union City Lions Club for many years and is a past President. She has volunteered for many of the projects sponsored by the Lions Club in Union City.

In 1998, Joan was voted Officer of the Year by the members of the Union City Police Officers Association in recognition of her willingness to go the extra mile when providing service to the citizens of the community. It was a fitting tribute to an excellent career.

On August 20, 1999 the Union City Police Officer's Association will honor Officer Honebein at a recognition dinner. I would like to join them in expressing my appreciation for her hard work and dedication. I wish her success in all her future endeavors.

RETIREMENT OF ROGER W. PUTNAM, PRESIDENT OF THE NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American, a true patriot, and veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. On August 31, 1999, Roger W. Putnam will retire from his position as president and chief executive officer of the Non Commissioned Officers Association. On that date, Roger Putnam will bring to a close more than 40 years of service to the Nation and military members and veterans.

A retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major, Roger Putnam's military service was indeed distinguished and varied. He originally entered the Air Force in 1949 and served until his discharge in 1952. He continued his public service as a Detroit police officer before returning to the Army in September 1961. During the ensuing 24 years, he rose through the

enlisted ranks to Command Sergeant Major in various assignments overseas, including Japan, Ethiopia and Germany, and within the United States. He is a combat veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Among numerous campaign and service awards, Roger earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal (5th Award). Roger also earned and is entitled to wear the Master Aircraft Crewman Badge.

Roger is the Past President of the Enterprise Alabama Rotary Club and has been recognized by the Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow. He is a Past Chairman of the Commanding General's Retiree Council, Fort Rucker, Alabama, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and the Army Aviation Museum Foundation. Roger also served as vice president of the Community Bank and Trust at Fort Rucker and Enterprise, Alabama.

In March 1998, the NCOA International Board of Directors elected Roger to his current office as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association. This position was preceded by membership on the International Board of Directors since 1983, including service as its Chairman, and as NCOA's Vice President for Field Membership Development.

Mr. Speaker, veterans of all eras, indeed all Americans, have benefited from the magnificent service that Roger Putnam has so unselfishly given to the Nation. I know that his leadership will be missed within the Non Commissioned Officers Association and veterans' organizations as well. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before the people's House and salute Roger for a job exceedingly well done. Thanks for your service, Roger, and may your days ahead be filled with happiness, prosperity and health.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN BRYAN L.
ROLLINS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the exceptional services which Captain Bryan L. Rollins, U.S. Navy, has performed for the United States and for the county of San Diego. Captain Rollins' selfless devotion and patriotic performance make him a truly admirable American and one deserved of recognition by this body. It is for his outstanding service to our Nation and its citizens that I wish to congratulate and thank Captain Rollins.

Captain Rollins has had an impressive Naval career with each assignment more demanding and more impressive than the last. He served aboard the U.S.S. *Constellation* as the chief staff officer of Carrier Air Wing 14 with deployments to both the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean through 1987. In November of 1990 Captain Rollins assumed duties as commanding officer of the Sun Downers and was deployed once again to the Indian Ocean and to the Western Pacific. He amassed over 3,000 hours and more than 800 carrier landings aboard the U.S.S. *Carl Vinson* and the

U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk*. While serving as navigator, and later as the executive officer, aboard the U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk*, Captain Rollins performed honorably in Somalia, the Persian Gulf, and Korea. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement medal.

In April of 1996, while serving as the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Miramar, home of the famed Top Gun aviation aggressor school, he was selected as the Chief of Staff for Commander, Navy Region Southwest. It was there that he was instrumental in the formulation and implementation of a regionalization plan which involved over 65,000 personnel and four full-scale Naval bases. In addition to consolidating and incorporating commands throughout San Diego, he established the Navy's first regional business office and developed business strategies which have become standard throughout the Navy-wide regionalization plan. His effective and efficient tactics have saved the Navy countless millions of dollars as it undergoes drastic changes nationwide. His management skills, foresight, and exceptional communication skills allowed him to gain widespread support for Navy operations throughout the community.

Captain Rollins remarkable contributions to San Diego County, the United States Navy, and our country speak to his intellect, his professional drive, and his relentless pursuit of excellence. I wish him the very best success as he starts a new chapter in his life. Congratulations and, as always, "fair winds and following seas."

RECOGNIZING THE ORDER OF THE
NOBLE COMPANIONS OF THE
SWAN

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, in these troubled times of misguided values, when good is often called evil and evil called good, our nation cries out for examples of genuine virtue from which our citizens may take inspiration. That is why I am proud that my home State of New Jersey is the headquarters of the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan; an international order of Christian chivalry dedicated to perpetuating traditional virtues in the modern world in memory of those Soldiers of the Cross who embarked upon the First Crusade with Godfrey de Bouillon to free the Holy Sepulcher.

Under the leadership of their Grand master, William Anthony Maszer of North Brunswick, New Jersey, who is a hereditary prince of Alabona-Ostrogojsk and Garama, the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan has been raised to the high and noble estate of knighthood amongst Christian chivalry. The members of the Order have sworn solemn knightly vows to bring chivalric virtues into the modern world by preferring honor to worldly wealth, by being just and faithful in words and deeds and by serving as guarantors of the weak and humble through their private acts of mercy and charity.

The exemplary efforts of the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan have brought

them international recognition from the Russian College of Heraldry as well as the Diccionario de Ordens de Caballeria y Corporaciones Nobiliare in the Kingdom of Spain. Closer to home they have been honored and formally recognized by a Resolution of the New Jersey State Senate and count our Governor, Christine Todd Whitman, among their well wishers. Governor Whitman has observed that "the principles of chivalry are as relevant today as ever before" and expressed her hope that the Order's "efforts to preserve the notion of chivalry are rewarded by a renewed commitment to these values throughout society."

Mr. Speaker, I join with Governor Whitman in the fervent desire that the knightly works of the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan shall continue to serve as an example of virtue in a modern world desperately in need of a moral compass. I would call upon all of our citizens to aspire toward the traditional virtues embodied in this noble Order.

RECOGNIZING FORMER U.S.
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE THE
LATE HENRY T. RAINEY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the extraordinary work of Carrollton's home town hero, former Speaker of the House Henry T. Rainey. A memorial to the famous resident will hang in the new visitors center in Alton. "Rainey put the Alton area into the world trade and transportation market by pushing an appropriation through the U.S. House to build Locks and Dam 26 in Alton in 1938," Greene County historian Phil Alfred said. Rainey worked closely with President Roosevelt during the depression until his sudden death in 1934.

Although Rainey served in Congress for thirty years and became one of the most powerful speakers in the history of the U.S. House, he never forgot his roots in Carrollton. He always came back to his farm to visit the people of his home town. My colleague Congressman JERRY COSTELLO and I are extremely proud of the residents of the Alton area for taking pride in their community and honoring a great man.

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HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Sergeant James Suk, a dedicated member of the Union City Police Department. Sergeant Suk recently retired from service after twenty-eight years of service, and will be honored by the Union City Police Department at a dinner on August 20, 1999.

Officer Suk began his law enforcement career in Union City as a Patrol Officer in 1968,