

going to let real ignorance stand in the way of attacking environmental policy, policy which was supported by Republican Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Therefore, it is very important that we continue to rally support from the scientific community, environmental groups, and our constituents in opposition to this type of real ignorance so that we may preserve our Nation's and the world's most precious commodity, the environment.

JAMES COLGATE CLEVELAND,  
FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James C. Cleveland, a long-time and invaluable member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee. Jim passed away on December 3, in his beloved State of New Hampshire.

Jim came to the House of Representatives in 1963 after more than a decade in the New Hampshire State Senate. His tenure in the Granite State legislature was marked by an intense and detailed interest in infrastructure and economic development issues. Indeed, he was the chief force behind creation of the New Hampshire Industrial Development Authority.

When Jim came to Congress in 1963, he immediately sought and gained a seat on the Public Works Committee, a position he would hold for the next 18 years. He was a recognized legislative expert in the fields of transportation, water resources, and economic development. His determined belief in the value of public works projects—projects which then and now add value to our Nation and to our everyday lives—helped drive the committee through the 1960's and 1970's.

In addition to his leadership in the House, he was also an inspiration to those of us new arrivals on the committee. I was one of those arrivals—in 1973—and I can say that Jim was a superb mentor and a good friend. His belief in infrastructure and his leadership style was not forgotten when I had the distinct honor to pick up the gavel as committee chairman in the 104th Congress.

There is another and equally compelling aspect to Jim's passing—we have lost yet another member of the "Command Generation." These were the men and women who were born during the Nation's resurgence in the 1920's, weathered with determination the Great Depression, served in World War II, and then helped create the international leviathan for prosperity and justice that was post-war America.

Jim Cleveland was a soldier, a statesman, and a committed private citizen who selflessly served his country with extraordinary distinction. The entire Nation is diminished by his passing.

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY AND BOBBIE SHAFFNER; TWO EXCEPTIONAL COMPOSERS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Henry and Bobbie Shaffner who composed an evocative and hauntingly beautiful musical score dedicated to Swedish humanitarian and Holocaust hero, Raoul Wallenberg. Their composition of the song, "Wallenberg," together with the lyrics of Ms. Lillian Lewis, captivated an audience of over 650 people at the dedication of the bust of Wallenberg in the Great Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol on November 2, 1995.

The song, "Wallenberg," is a tribute to Raoul Wallenberg the Swedish diplomat credited with savings 100,000 Jewish lives in Budapest in 1944. Using false passports, diplomat safe houses, and extraordinary bravery, Wallenberg repeatedly deceived and evaded the Nazis in his heroic mission to prevent the deportation of Hungary's Jews in the death camps. Wallenberg was arrested by Soviet authorities after the war and disappeared into the Gulag. His ultimate fate remains a mystery.

The Shaffners' interest and concern about Wallenberg's fate grew after they read about him in a 1980 New York Times article. They joined the Wallenberg Committee of the United States decided to join those seeking to find him and honor his miraculous deeds.

In 1986, the committee commissioned the Shaffners to compose an inspiring piece that would embody Wallenberg's heroic spirit. In 1992, the song was performed with the lyrics of Lillian Lewis at the committee's annual meeting in New York.

Today's the Shaffners' inspirational music is part of a program titled: "Raoul Wallenberg: A Study in Heroes" which has been implemented in over 50 schools in New York, Massachusetts, and North Carolina, in kindergarten through the eighth grade. Plan call for the program to soon spread across the country.

At the dedication ceremony of the Wallenberg bust, the song was performed by the U.S. Army Band, Sergeant First Class Beverly Benda, soprano, and Staff Sergeant Mary Beth Mailand, harp.

A BETTER COUNTRY—  
THANKSGIVING SERMON

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to insert into the extension of remarks of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a sermon that my constituent, Dr. Randall Lee Saxon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL, made to his congregation on November 19, 1995, in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Speaker, I read the sermon and was so moved by Dr. Saxon's words and insightful thought that I wanted to insert it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the benefit of all my

colleagues. At a time when Congress, and the country, is wrestling with devolution of a Federal Government and personal responsibility, Dr. Saxon's words leapt from the pages as I read them.

A BETTER COUNTRY—A THANKSGIVING  
SERMON

(By Rev. Dr. Randall Lee Saxon)

HEBREWS 11: 8, 12-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore".

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A BETTER COUNTRY

Christians are always in search of a better country. Those who take their faith seriously endeavor to move beyond a feel-good religion to a follow-Jesus faith. Such a faith demands that we continue on our journey of discovery, to build upon the good that was present before us, to bring down the walls that divide us, to bridge chasms—real or imagined—that separate us. Christians are always in search of a better country.

As with the people of the early Christian Church and as with the people who followed the patriarchs of early Judaism, the way of the Christian is the way of the Pilgrim.

Those who have the good fortune to visit the Old Town of Rotterdam, in The Netherlands, may visit still the Pilgrim Fathers' Church—as it is yet called—in which the Scrooby Pilgrims and the Leyden Pilgrims held their last service prior to entering on their incredible journey to discover a better country. Those staunch and visionary forebears of ours worshipped together, then made their way down to the water where they boarded the *Speedwell* to begin their westward journey. Written bold upon a plaque secured to a warehouse on that Rotterdam waterfront is a commemoration to the departure of the Pilgrims.

From The Netherlands, the little ship bearing the Pilgrim band sailed to Plymouth, England. In the English port, after a period of time, the pilgrims boarded a larger ship, the *Mayflower*, and set sail for the brave new world awaiting them across the dark and brooding Atlantic waters. As in Rotterdam, so in Plymouth one may today read of this bold departure of the Pilgrims, commemorating in words writ upon the grand *Mayflower* Monument the extraordinary event of the journey to discover a better country and thus a better life.

We can imagine that these pious people reflected on the words of Hebrews 11 in the Holy Scripture: People who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But, as it is, they desired a better country . . .

We know that many factors figured in the Pilgrims' decision to leave home and cross the great sea in search of a new land, a better country. As children in public and private schools across America, we are given