

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to transmit herewith a report of the activities of the United States Government in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during calendar year 1996. The report is required by the United Nations Participation Act (Public Law 264, 79th Congress; 22 U.S.C. 287b).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 4, 1997.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY B. GONZALEZ

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to acknowledge a true distinguished gentleman of this body, a proud Texan and a great American. Chairman HENRY B. GONZALEZ has decided today to step down from the U.S. Congress.

It is my honor to have been able to serve with him for the time period that allowed me to understand the true value of a human being who cared about this Nation. HENRY B. GONZALEZ served in public life for 44 years, 36 of those in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I am reminded, as he stood alongside the President who was a President for all people, President John F. Kennedy, as the President, not then the President, made it known that he wanted to serve this Nation. HENRY B. GONZALEZ was one of the few in the State of Texas who took up the challenge and courageously stood by his side and stood for what was right. He proceeded to carry that torch in the U.S. Congress.

It was for those who could not speak, those who could not advocate, those who could not cry out and be heard for themselves that HENRY B. GONZALEZ stood for. He fought for public housing, he fought for equity in education.

This is a man who truly is a distinguished gentleman, one whom we will love and admire forever and ever.

HENRY B., we love you, and we know that you will continue to serve, whether you are in this body. But we thank you for your great leadership. You are a proud Texan and a great American.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you, the people of Texas and San Antonio in awe of the announcement that Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ of the 20th Congressional District who has nobly served his constituents and our great Nation for 36 years in the House of Representatives is leaving us at the end of this session.

First elected in 1961, HENRY B. as he is affectionately known, made his mark as chairman of the Banking Committee for 6 years. The Savings & Loan Industry was reorganized and revitalized during his tenure. He certainly was a man of strength during an hour of crisis

for our Savings & Loan Industry. Their bailout is a result of his leadership.

Congressman GONZALEZ worked tirelessly for the residents of Public Housing and the National Housing Trust is a testament to his leadership in Public Housing. There are millions of Americans today who are able to find affordable housing because of this great man.

In a time of conformity, Congressman GONZALEZ is his own person. He stood up unflinchingly for what he believed in no matter who opposed him. A champion of civil rights, a man of the people, a true man of honor—we will miss this fine gentleman, we will miss his spirit of service with a true sense of honor.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHADEGG). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. UNDERWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SPOTLIGHT ON TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. HULSHOF] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation's youth head back to school, our attention is obviously focused on education. I would like to focus the national spotlight on one university in Missouri's Ninth Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor of representing 16 colleges and universities. Each of these institutions of higher learning in central and north-eastern Missouri deserves accolades. Tonight, however, I am happy to single out and congratulate one of those exceptional universities, Truman State, nestled in the heart of Kirksville, MO. Truman State University has received numerous awards in recent college rankings. According to the September 1 issue of U.S. News & World Report, Truman State is the top public university in the entire Midwest. In addition, Mr. Speaker, for the fifth consecutive year, Truman State University is ranked among Money magazine's top 10 best college buys in the country. Frank Lalli, the managing editor for Money magazine says, "There is always this myth in America that only a name college, only a Harvard, only a Yale provides a great education. It's just not true."

Ranking 8th in the entire Nation, Truman State University consistently reaffirms its reputation as an excellent and affordable liberal arts university. Truman is the only Missouri public institution to make Money's top 100 list.

Truman also was ranked as the best value in the Midwest. Money magazine based its selection on graduation rates, social climates, as well as student accessibility to professors. With a student-faculty ratio of 16 to 1, Truman State students can develop close relationships with their professors.

I have had the opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to meet many students and professors who personally validate these recent rankings. John BURNS, a Truman State junior, joined my Washington, DC, staff for part of the summer and did exceptional work. But perhaps no one exemplifies the spirit of this great institution better than my good friend, Jack Magruder. As President, Dr. Magruder is a tireless ambassador for Truman State. When looking for someone responsible for Truman State University's ascendance to the top of the Nation's colleges, the buck stops at Jack's door.

Mr. Speaker, we in Missouri's Ninth Congressional District are extremely proud that one of our institutions of higher learning is considered among the Nation's elite. The administration, the faculty and the student body at Truman State University deserve kudos for their hard work, their dedication to excellence and their commitment to a superior liberal arts education.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GREEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GREEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MCINTOSH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. MCINTOSH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PORTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HUNTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]