

Because of recent events in Washington and across the country, Catholics in America understandably have grown concerned about a retreat in tolerance toward all religions. Your continuing relationship with such a world renowned anti-Catholic such as Reverend Paisley only adds to that fear. The recent public uproar over your institution's restriction on inter-racial dating convinced you to alter that policy. The sense of outrage in the Irish and Catholic American communities over your continued relationship with Reverend Paisley requires you to take action on this issue as well.

Sincerely,

SAM GEJDENSON,
RICHARD E. NEAL,
PETER T. KING,
JOSEPH CROWLEY,
Members of Congress.

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY,
Greenville, SC, March 28, 2000.

Hon. JOSEPH CROWLEY,
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN CROWLEY: It is no business of yours whom Bob Jones University invites to speak at its Bible Conferences. This is a free country. We're just as entitled to our religious beliefs as you are to yours. The fact that we have speakers whom you personally differ with does not make us bigots.

Your bigotry and intolerance, however, have been amply displayed in your March 27 letter, which makes unwarranted and intrusive demands of us.

The fact that Dr. Paisley's religious perspective differs from yours does not make him a bigot. He feels strongly about what he believes, and so do you. Is he not just as entitled to the expression of his beliefs as you are to yours?

With regard to Dr. Paisley's religious views, he is in the line of the Protestant reformers and says nothing more or less about the system of Roman Catholicism than the Bible maintains. Revelation Chapter 17 and the historic doctrinal documents of Protestantism all state clearly the views which Dr. Paisley enunciates. He preaches no new thing. The Presbyterian Confession of Faith and the Baptist Confession of Faith confirm this. He does not hate any individual Roman Catholic, as his works and writings testify. But he does reject the papacy which has the audacity to claim that all men must submit for salvation to the Church of Rome, outside of which, they maintain, there is no salvation. Surely, such teaching needs to be condemned. He has no apology for what the Bible says about Rome in Revelation Chapter 17.

Have you lost all sense of reason and fairness? You are the elected representative to your constituents. Thankfully, I am not one of them. And thankfully, this is America, where no congressman has authority to make any demands upon the religious beliefs and choice of speakers of any church or religious instruction. This is free America, not Nazi Germany.

Have you forgotten that there is a Constitution which forbids Congress from doing the kind of thing your letter presumes to do? Have you forgotten that you swore allegiance to uphold that Constitution?

I'm appalled by your audacity. I'm frightened for the future of religious freedom in America when I see four tyrannical congressmen abuse their authority as you have done. Your contempt for religious freedom makes you a menace to America.

The Ian Paisley your letter depicts exists only in your leftist, radical IRA/Sinn Fein-loving imaginations. To know the real Ian Paisley matters not to you, and would prob-

ably spoil your fun. Even if Ian Paisley were the man you described, we would still have the perfect right to invite him here, if we were so inclined. We are not, however, the sort of place that would invite a terrorist/madman such as you have conjured up. Let me tell you something about the Ian Paisley I know, and the one you don't want to admit exists.

Ian Paisley has the largest vote of all politicians in Northern Ireland. In the election last year, he trounced by a massive 80,000 vote majority the IRA/Sinn Fein candidate whom your friend Congressman Peter King supported. How dare you say he is not a representative of the people. His vote includes many Roman Catholics. Many priests and other Roman Catholic leaders have publicly paid tribute to his diligent and totally fair representation of all his Roman Catholic constituents. In five successive European elections he has consistently topped the poll with a higher number of votes than any other member of the European Parliament. He has served in the European Parliament for twenty years. He is also a thirty-year member of the British Parliament and the leader of the third largest party in the new Northern Ireland Assembly.

Your letter states that he was imprisoned for "inciting to riot." This is utterly false. Never in all his career has he been charged with this offense, let alone been convicted and imprisoned for it. In the same paragraph, you accuse him of leading marches through Catholic neighborhoods. This is untrue.

The truth is when Mr. King attacked Dr. Paisley's party some time ago on the radio in Northern Ireland, the radio company had to pay thousands of pounds worth of damages for the lying slanders which he broadcast. Being the coward Mr. Peter King is, he escaped from appearing in court by hiding in America. Has he no shame to publicly welcome the godfathers of the bloodthirsty IRA terrorism to America, and then to launch an attack on Ian Paisley, a law-abiding, God-fearing man of noble character? This is perverse!

Bob Jones University is just as entitled to its place in the educational life of America as any other university. We stand upon the Bible, we love Jesus Christ, and we train graduates to be men and women of biblically governed character with high moral ideals and loyal to the flag. If you despise us, you despise the founding purpose and early history of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and many others.

I find your fascist demands arrogant, frightening, overreaching, and abusive. I believe the average, decent, and God-fearing American will feel the same way. I do not believe that you speak for "Irish and Catholic American communities."

Most Catholic Americans I know are fair, decent, and respectable people. They understand that Protestants and Catholics differ in theology, and they value their right to differ with us. They do not voice the kind of hatred that you voice against those of us who differ with them. They are good neighbors, good citizens, and unlike you, are freedom-loving people. They would respect our rights to have preachers of the Gospel here in line with our Christian perspective just as we respect their rights to have the pope, the cardinal, the bishop, the priest, or anybody else address them. You speak for yourselves, not for them. They would not like what you speak any more than I do.

Very truly yours,

BOB JONES III,
President.

P.S. Your statement, "The recent public uproar over your institution's restriction on

interracial dating convinced you to alter that policy," is untrue, and I want you to be assured of that.

It is untrue for two reasons. There was no "public uproar." There was only a media flap. The vast majority of the American public values religious freedom and would uphold the University's right to its own policies that govern no one but its own students who choose of their own free will to come here.

Secondly, the policy was not altered because of public pressure. It was altered because it was such an insignificant and immaterial thing to us that it was never discussed or taught here. Many generations had come and gone and didn't even know what it was. The University's greater mission and contributions were being obscured by the media's hysterical focus upon this policy. The policy was changed to show how wrong they were about its importance to us and how wrong they were about it being a symbol of racism. We're not at all like they caricatured us. Because the rule gave them a wrong impression of this school, it was incumbent upon the institution to take the initiative to give a right perspective of what it is. We're people motivated by principle, not by pressure.

SAN ANTONIO MOURNS ITS FALLEN OFFICER

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, in San Antonio, family, friends and members of the community, join in mourning the loss of Oscar Perez, a young San Antonio Police Officer cut down last week in the line of duty. As he is buried today, we all must take a moment to recount not only his story, but the story of every other law enforcement officer who daily risks life and limb to protect us.

Only 31 years old, Officer Perez expected last Friday, March 24, 2000, to be like any other, a day of hard work ending with a return home to his pregnant wife and two young children, ages 5 and sixteen months. Instead, as he was serving a warrant on a drug fugitive, he was mortally wounded by gun fire. In one instant, his 6½ year career as a San Antonio police officer came to a tragic and abrupt end.

Law enforcement officers leave the comfort and security of their homes each day to take on their duty to serve and protect. While we have worked hard to reduce crime rates, law officers continue to face real and substantial danger. As we expect them to be on their job day-in and day-out, we run the risk of taking their presence for granted. But Officer Perez, like the 41 others in the history of the San Antonio Police Department, serves as a reminder of the unique and fatal risks they all too often must bear.

Our hearts go out to his widow, two children, unborn child and other family members. Words cannot express the grief and loss they must feel. Our hope is that his children will grow up with a deep-rooted appreciation of their father's devotion and sacrifice. He lived to help others. His service to his family, community and country set an example his children can follow with pride.

H.R. 910, SAN GABRIEL BASIN
WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank both Chairman BOEHLERT and Ranking Member BORSKI of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment for their excellent work on this bill. I would also like to commend the continued bipartisan leadership of Chairman SHUSTER and Ranking Member OBERSTAR.

H.R. 910 does have a significant impact on my district as groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Basin is spreading and has already begun to reach the Central Basin.

The Central Basin groundwater aquifer covers 277 square miles from Montebello to Pico Rivera and Whittier to Long Beach. And 1.5 million people depend on the Central Basin groundwater aquifer for their primary source of drinking water.

The Central Basin groundwater aquifer is contaminated by volatile organic compounds, which originated from the San Gabriel Valley and have moved over the past ten years down into the Central Basin. Several wells, which contain drinking water, have been shut down because of contamination.

The funds that will be made available through H.R. 910 will allow the Central Basin Municipal Water District to construct and operate a treatment facility that will clean up the contamination currently in the Basin. Funds allocated to the clean-up facilities in the San Gabriel Valley will help prevent further flows of contamination into the Central Basin.

H.R. 910 is an excellent example of the federal government working in partnership with local governments and private entities to facilitate the resolution of a regional problem. I urge my colleagues to vote YES on final passage of H.R. 910.

CONGRATULATING DETECTIVE
SERGEANT WARREN WILLIAMS
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding law enforcement officer. Detective Sergeant Warren Williams will be retiring on March 31, 2000 after serving 37 years as a St. Louis Police Officer. It is an honor for me to recognize this extraordinary individual, not only for his numerous professional accomplishments, but for the great service he provided the citizens and the community of St. Louis and the State of Missouri.

Detective Sergeant Williams first joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department on April 1, 1963. After graduating from the St. Louis Police Academy on September 30, 1963, he began his career as a patrolman in the city's Fourth District. Mr. Williams was promoted to Sergeant on July 2, 1978. As a Police Sergeant, he served in the following as-

signments: Robbery/Burglary Section, Third District Patrol Supervisor, Bureau of Investigation, Seventh District Patrol Supervisor, Area Three Detective Bureau, North Patrol Detective Bureau, and the Internal Affairs Division.

Prior to beginning his Police career, Mr. Williams served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army. He is a graduate of Vashon High School and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy's 135th Session. He is also the recipient of two Chiefs of Police Communications.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join his family, his colleagues, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, the residents of Missouri's Second District and me, in paying tribute to the distinguished career of Sergeant Warren Williams. His record of service and leadership stands not only as an example for other law enforcement officers, but for every one of us.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
HUMANITIES HONORS PRINCE-
TON UNIVERSITY HISTORIAN
JAMES M. MCPHERSON

HON. D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Professor James M. McPherson, who last night delivered the Twenty-Ninth Annual Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities. Professor McPherson's career has combined scholarship and public service in a unique manner, and his selection as lecturer by the National Endowment of the Humanities was a well-earned and long overdue honor.

Professor McPherson is the George Henry Davis '86 Professor of American History at Princeton University, where he has taught for over three decades. He has authored a dozen books, among them the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* (1988), which is widely credited with sparking America's renewed interest in this most crucial part of our shared history.

Professor McPherson has not limited himself to academia, however. He has consistently shared his passion for the history of America with a wide and varied audience. He served as an advisor for the 1990 Ken Burns documentary "The Civil War," which was watched and enjoyed by millions of Americans.

Professor McPherson has also dedicated himself to the preservation of Civil War battlefields, serving on the boards of the Civil War Trust and the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. He also served on the Civil War Sites Advisory Committee created by Congress in 1991. Finally, he was the president of "Protect Historic America," an organization which successfully opposed plans to construct a theme park near Manassas battlefield in Virginia.

Professor McPherson's career has been the model of an engaged intellectual, one who can speak to both a scholarly and general audience, and who has fought to ensure that others have the opportunity to experience for themselves the places which have meant so much to him. Professor McPherson is a credit to Princeton University, to Central New Jersey, and to the nation, and I hope the House will join me in wishing him continued success.

HONORING SELMA RUBIN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to the attention of my colleagues an extraordinary woman, Selma Rubin who was revered by her colleagues, family, and friends on March 28 as she celebrated her 85th birthday in Santa Barbara, CA.

I feel so proud to honor my friend and colleague, Selma. The community of Santa Barbara and I are enormously fortunate she made California her home. Selma represents the true definition of what it means to be a citizen—a citizen of the world. Her sensibilities have led her to dedicate her life to championing the causes of human rights, women's rights, the environment, poverty, and peace.

Selma is on the board of over 30 local, state, and national organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association, American Civil Liberties Union, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Santa Barbara Grand Opera Association, The Sierra Club, Los Padres Chapter, and the Citizens Planning Association. These organizations represent the highest of philosophies in their purpose.

Not only does she serve tirelessly, but she possesses the charisma to inspire others to participate. Every volunteer she has recruited has become a friend. She has as many friends as she has hats. And for every hat she dons, Selma wears it with a mind full of wisdom, compassion, and nobility.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure and inspiration for me and our community to be a part of Selma's mission and we are emboldened to continue her legacy. I truly feel privileged to represent Selma Rubin in Washington.

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as we take time this month to honor the many contributions women have made in our country's history, I wish to reflect on American women's progress in school and the workplace.

When I was young, economic opportunities for women were limited. Seemingly, very few professions were open to women—teaching, secretarial work, social work, and nursing, for instance. If women chose to explore other fields, they faced significant barriers. It took great determination and a unique set of factors for a woman to break through the male-dominated preserves of medicine, law and many other professional careers.

Later, in the 1970's, female students, while likely to receive good grades, were less likely than male students to extend their education beyond high school. Not so today. Along with the increase in the number of women attending college and graduate school over the years, there has been a remarkable increase in the number of advanced degrees awarded to women. For example, in 1970, women received only 13 percent of all Ph.D. degrees; 8