taken while she was a member of the California Assembly and Senate where she managed to get more than 60 legislative bills signed by then-Gov. Pete Wilson.

With former Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Lee says she will monitor the progress of her bill in the U.S. Senate.

Lee confidently pointed to the portion of Oakland seen from her 10th floor office in the Drelles Federal Building and said, "I know that the legislative process from bill to law and then to funding is dynamic. But I will be vigilant. No stone will go unturned because this disease knows no boundaries. The whole world is at risk to this AIDS pandemic of biblical proportion."

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., introduced S 2033 as a companion bill and its language has been included in the Helms/Biden Foreign Affairs Technical Assistance Act. Lee's proposed trust fund, housed at the World Bank, would use its leveraging capacity to increase the resources for the fund. Lee envisions esteemed world leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Ron Dellums as part of the fund's governance structure to assure that the monies go to needy regions.

GIANTS' SHOULDERS

How did a newly elected congresswoman who represents the most left-of-center constituency in the country manage to get an amendment inserted in the Helms/Biden Foreign Affairs Technical Assistance Act? Sen. Lee insists she supports the intent of her legislation while simultaneously coordinating grassroots organizations who are working on a variety of issues:

"With a lot of hard work," Lee said. "I can stand up to the legislative leaders in both parties because I stand on the shoulders of giants in Washington, D.C., and I'm proud of that.

"With an earnestness and conviction she pointed to the photos depicting some of the causes, neighborhoods and political leaders who's shoulders I stand on and the bravado with which every time I walk past the Lionel Wilson Building, Elului Harris Building, Judge Don McCull statue and into the Drelles Federal building, I'm humbled by the awesome responsibility.

And, because I have been blessed to have been connected to all those giants, I won't lose my focus."

Lee's office is encouraging the public to join the African American Walking Tour of Downtown Oakland Sunday, July 30, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. She praised the African American Cultural Heritage Survey for collaborating on the walking tour as well as Oak Tours Program, and the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey for collaborating on the walking tour.

"I want all children and families, especially African Americans, to tour these places because it reminds me of my childhood in El Paso, Texas when I first started seeing questions to the answers of who I was and where I came from," said Lee.

She said she will invite her congressional colleagues, who will be in Oakland August 12 seeking solutions to issues of housing affordability, redlining, neighborhood reinvestment and revitalization, to also participate in the walking tours as well as Oakland's Chabot Science Center. Lee, a Mills College and University of California, Berkeley graduate, is also helping to find funding to make the Chabot Center a magnet for math, science and astronomy for children.

"I want the first astronomers to Mars to come from my district," she says.

Eleven million of the world's 14 million AIDS deaths are in Africa.

"AIDS is the tip of the iceberg of this epidemic. We need to declare a global state of emergency, like we pioneered in Alameda County, and provide the money to fund strategies to address this disease," Lee said.

"This disease has plagued us like the Bubonic Plague once did and it knows no boundaries. It is not just found in Africa. It is moving swiftly in India, Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean as well," Lee said.

And here in Alameda County, she warns of a corresponding calamity facing African Americans because she says the statistical profile of AIDS incidence shows a reversal of the trend. AIDS is 30 percent white to non-white that are now the exact opposite.

IN HONOR OF THE 40 JOURNALISTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES PURSUING THE NEWS IN 1999

HON. FRANK R. WOLF
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, the commemoration of World Press Freedom Day was held in May, when the names of journalists who have died covering the news were added to The Freedom Forum Journalists Memorial located in Arlington, Virginia. There were 40 people who died in 1999 in their efforts to bring us the news from around the world.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these journalists who risked their lives to bring us the news from around the world, from Sierra Leone to Chechnya to Bosnia to Kosovo. Were it not for their courage and bravery, perhaps the world would never have known about the horrors and the atrocities that have been and are now taking place there.

The deadliest country from which to report last year was the nation of Sierra Leone, as 10 journalists died there in 1999—the most in any one country. Sierra Leone has been a battlefield that has taken the lives of many of the world's finest journalists, including the most recent casualties that are still fresh in many of our minds—Reuters correspondent Kurt Schork and Associated Press cameraman Miguel Gil Moreno de Mora, who, along with four Sierra Leone soldiers, were shot to death there just two weeks ago in a rebel ambush.

Mr. Speaker, one of our colleagues a news release from the Newseum and also a list of the names of the 40 journalists who died in 1999.

THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO JOURNALISTS WHO DIED COVERING THE NEWS SINCE 1812 TO BE ADDED TO JOURNALISTS MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE ON WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY, MAY 3, AT 11 A.M.

ARLINGTON, VA.—The names of 332 journalists who died covering the news since 1812, including 40 journalists killed in 1999, will be added May 3 to The Freedom Forum Journalists Memorial located in Arlington, Virginia. The ceremony will be at 11 a.m. in Freedom Park, now pays tribute to 1,399 reporters, editors, photographers and broadcasters killed as a result of covering the news. May 3 also marks World Press Freedom Day.

Thomas Johnson, chairman and chief executive officer of the Newseum, was covering Sierra Leone's civil war when a rebel fighter opened fire with a semiautomatic rifle on the car Tierney was traveling in, killing him instantly.

Sierra Leone was the deadliest country for journalists in 1999, with ten deaths occurring there. Latin America, particularly Colombia, remains a dangerous place for those covering stories about politics, drug trafficking and organized crime.

A political satirist Jaime Garzon was shot five times in the head and chest while driving to his Bogota radio station. He had been threatened repeatedly by Carlos Castaño, leader of the Defense Forces of Colombia, a right-wing paramilitary organization fighting against leftist guerrillas. Garzon had scheduled a meeting with the Castaño Aug. 14, the day after he was killed.

"In an age of information overload, it is easy to forget that there are people still willing to die for journalism," said Peter S. Prichard, president of The Free Forum and Newseum. "The memorial reminds us what sacrifices journalists are willing to make for a free press.

Journalists' names are added each year to the glass panels of the monument, which stands at the apex of Freedom Park, adjacent to the Newseum and The Freedom Forum World Center in Arlington, VA.

Research by Freedom Forum staff and the Committee to Protect Journalists documents incidents where journalists were killed or died while covering the news. Some were killed reporting on wars, natural disasters or violent crimes, some were injured or fell ill while on assignment. Some were murdered to silence their reporting. Journalists who died as a result of accidents unrelated to an assignment are not listed, nor are the those who instigate violent acts that caused their deaths. An independent panel of journalists and journalism historians reviews difficult cases.

A list of the names of the 40 journalists who died in 1999 is attached. To view a database listing the 1,399 memorialized journalists, their affiliations and the circumstances of their death, visit the site at www.freedomforum.org/newseum/news/memorial.asp or www.newseum.org/newseum/aboutthenewseum/freedompark.html#memorial.

The Newseum, the only interactive museum of news, takes visitors behind the scenes to see and experience how and why news is made.

Newseum is funded by The Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan, international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit. All people are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days. Freedom Park is open daily from dawn to dusk. Admission is free.
Mr. Speaker, Viola Adams was a remarkable woman who was committed to her community, her country, and above all, her family. She was graced during her lifetime with eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Mrs. Adams had four children: Gilbert Timbrell Adams, Jr., John D’Estang Adams, Elizabeth Vi Adams, and Patricia Ann Adams. She also contributed to our democratic process. Her contributions to the Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson administrations for their respective schools. An active Democrat, and a proud supporter of her husband’s professional and political endeavors, Gilbert and Vi Adams were recognized by the Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson administrations for their contributions to our democratic process.

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COMMENDING THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP FOR ADDRESSING OVER FOUR DECADES OF INJUSTICE AND EXTENDING TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation, along with Congressmen ROTHMAN, commending the member states of the United Nations' Western European and Others Group (WEOG) for addressing over four decades of injustice and extending temporary membership to the state of Israel, in addition to the Human Rights Committee at the United Nations. Although I have a great deal of respect for the human rights efforts of the U.N., they have been particularly unkind to Israel and it is a bitter pill to swallow to have them excluded from this committee.

This legislation, "Commending the member states of the United Nations Western European and Others Group for addressing over four decades of injustice and extending temporary membership to the state of Israel," also mentions the new hurdles that must be overcome to finally gain Israel status as a full member of the United Nations. It urges the WEOG member countries to admit Israel as a permanent member, without conditions, until such time as she can play an effective part as a member of the Asian group.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all of my colleagues to give strong consideration to co-sponsoring this legislation. It took four decades to get Israel this far; it must not take as long to reach the final goal of full membership for Israel.

I would again like to thank my friend and colleague, STEVEN ROTHMAN, for his help and leadership on this issue. I would also like to thank Vice President GORE, along with Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, for working so hard and keeping the pressure on the WEOG member countries. A copy of the legislation follows.

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