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WHAT THE WORLD HEARS WHEN THE
PRESIDENT SPEAKS; REMEMBER US?

(By Enrique Krauze)

Focused on its enemies, the Bush administration has forgotten its friends. Only one world region went entirely unmentioned in the State of the Union speech: Latin America. In another, far distant age—five days before terror struck New York and Washington—President Bush pledged a new alliance with President Vicente Fox of Mexico, on the grounds that a strong Mexico makes for a stronger United States. After 9/11, however, everything changed.

All of Latin America now seems aware that the United States has returned to an essentially reactive diplomacy that seems to come to life only when there are missiles pointing at its shores, Marxist guerrillas in the jungles, or revolutionary governments in the old banana republics. This is unfortunate because Latin America (with the exception of Cuba) has for a decade been abandoning its old grievances, drawing closer to the United States, opting for democracy and rejecting militarism, statism and Marxism. What is needed to make Washington take this Copernican shift seriously and support it in tangible ways? Maybe what is needed is for the miracle to end. And it may indeed end, if, in the face of American neglect, Latin Americans turn toward the biggest specter of the past: populism, the age-old temptation to put power in the hands of a heaven-sent strongman—yesterday in Alberto Fujimori's Peru, today in Hugo Chavez's Venezuela, and tomorrow perhaps in a charismatic Mexican politician.

Unfortunately, populist sentiment has been reinforced by Washington's mistakes. It lost democratic credibility by not condemning the coup against the populist but democratically elected Mr. Chavez. There was the scolding of Brazil and Argentina by Paul H. O'Neill, the former Treasury secretary, which sent their currencies tumbling. And there is the supreme shortsightedness of the economic blockade of Cuba.

More worrisome still is the administration's attitude toward its neighbor. The shelving of the 2001 immigration agreement was a mistake that has been compounded by new subsidies for American farmers, which fly in the face of the reforms required of Mexican agriculture under Nafta. Mexico's rural regions are its most sensitive. It was peasants who fought the Mexican Revolution 90 years ago, and it is from rural Mexico that the next explosion would likely come.

I agree with Mr. Bush that if Saddam Hussein is not evil "then evil has no meaning." But to combat evil, one must find strength in friendship. In dealing with the south, George W. Bush should try a different doctrine: pre-emptive cooperation.

IN HONOR OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
POLICE CHIEF RICHARD W. UNGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today in honor and recognition of Police Chief Richard W. Unger, upon the occasion of his recent retirement from the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, after twenty-seven years of dedication to the force and honor of the badge.

Chief Unger grew up in Cuyahoga Heights, and committed his entire law enforcement career to protecting the safety of the residents of his hometown. He joined the Cuyahoga Heights police department in 1976. Within ten years, Chief Unger was promoted to Lieutenant, then Captain. During that time, he also served as the Juvenile Officer, and was one of the original members of the Cuyahoga Valley SWAT team.

In 1992, at the youthful age of thirty-nine, Mr. Unger was promoted to the position of Police Chief. Chief Unger's total dedication to his profession was also reflected in his pursuit of additional law enforcement education and training. Throughout his law enforcement tenure, Chief Unger regularly attended workshops, classes and seminars to bolster his experience and knowledge. In addition, Chief Unger has been a member of many safety force commissions and boards, and has been awarded numerous awards and commendations for his exceptional work.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Cuyahoga Heights Police Chief Richard W. Unger, as we reflect on the past twenty-seven years of his significant service to the citizens of Cuyahoga Heights. Chief Unger's easy-going nature, integrity, expertise, and focus on protecting his constituents in Cuyahoga Heights have all served to raise the grade safety operations in Cuyahoga Heights to an exceptional level. Chief Unger has been an outstanding role model for his four children, grandchildren, and for every resident of Cuyahoga Heights. Chief Unger's exceptional service, focused on the welfare and safety of families and individuals, is truly significant and worthy of our gratitude and recognition. We wish Chief Unger, his wife Katherine, and his entire family many blessings and great happiness in his retirement. We also wish him many wonderful cloudless summer days of smooth sailing and great fishing along the waves of Lake Erie—Port outboard, Starboard home.

HONORING THE OHIO WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER
TEAM'S SECOND NCAA CHAM-
PIONSHIP TITLE

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Ohio Wesleyan University Battling Bishops Women's Soccer Team, who have won their second consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship title.

Coach Bob Barnes led the Battling Bishops to a win over Messiah College in the NCAA Division III championship game on November 30, 2002 in Geneva, N.Y. on the campus of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. This game concluded a remarkable 24 and 0 season that saw veteran and freshman players make positive contributions and grow as student athletes.

The national title makes the Bishops the first team to repeat as NCAA Division III champions since the University of California at San

Diego in 1995–97. The win also extended the Battling Bishops' NCAA Division III-record winning streak to 45 straight games. The shutout was Ohio Wesleyan's 20th of the season.

Coach Barnes has built a successful team while upholding the school's strong tradition of requiring success in the classroom as well as on the playing fields. His leadership has paid off and the Battling Bishops have back-to-back championships to show for it and memories of this winning season for a lifetime.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas have also named Coach Barnes the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year. This is also the second straight NSCAA Coach of the Year honor for Barnes, who is a 1989 Ohio Wesleyan graduate.

The 2002 OWU Women's Soccer Team is as follows: Freshmen—Louise Cooley, Alicia Grambeau, Hillary Hughes, Kelsey McDonough, Sara Vogel, Sarah Wall, Melanie Yoder. Sophomores—Stefanie Fluke, Toni Frissora, Deborah Lochner, Kahrman McKenzie, Jill Taylor, Carrie Williams, Jennifer Wise, Kelsey Wright. Juniors—Casey Dobbins, Erika Howland, Krista Pouliot, Liz Sheehan, Tiffany Soggs, Akeya Terrell, Amy Work. Seniors—Emily Bayer, Lindsey Bland, Bre Cady, Mindy Hammond, Jamie Jenkins.

As a proud graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Battling Bishops and hope that I will have the opportunity to give similar remarks next year at the conclusion of the 2003 season.

RECOGNIZING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY
OF RONALD REAGAN

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, twenty-two years ago, as a young major of Marines, I had the high honor of serving President Reagan as his military aide. On inauguration day in 1981, this great man started immediately to improve the morale and pride of the armed forces. He had real admiration and respect for Americans in uniform, and real concerns about the status of our military forces in that troubling decade following the war in Vietnam. It seems impossible now, but in those years we were not permitted to wear the military uniform, unless by exception, in our nation's capital—a sad indicator of the state to which pride and confidence had fallen.

During his first inaugural parade, President Reagan told each of the service chiefs that it was time for a change. He told them he wanted to see more uniforms on the street. He knew that this change of direction and attitude was important not only to those wearing the uniforms, but to all Americans. The time of shame and remorse was over. We owe a great debt to this great man for many, many reasons. But, perhaps the first reason is his remarkable transformation of our armed forces.

Thank you, Mr. President and Happy Birthday!