

But as I have since learned and had a chance to meet many people through the course of being a Member of Congress around the world, I have come to realize just how prophetic Ronald Reagan was and that these words were not merely words. These were not hollow statements. These were not just a pretty collection of syllables. America really is the shining city on the hill. And at the time, was the hill to which, the city to which people around the world in some very dire circumstances looked toward with hope and with optimism. Sometimes that vision of America was all they had.

Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of a trip I took to Israel. I met with Mr. Scharansky who had grown up in the old Soviet Union and who had spent a number of years in the Russian gulags being oppressed as a political prisoner, as a Jew, and in a very antireligious society in the Soviet Union. He said that when word passed through the prison cells that Ronald Reagan had publicly and emphatically described the Soviet Union as an "evil empire," that was the day their hearts began to pound, because they knew that it was just a matter of time before they were released.

As I stood there in Jerusalem listening to this story years later about a former Soviet prisoner, it made me extraordinarily proud, not just to be an American, but to be one who voted for, supported, worked for Ronald Reagan and his candidacy, because it was a victory that did more than set the United States of America on the proper course. It was a victory that did represent that shining city on the hill that shone bright to the darkest corner of the globe and represented real hope and opportunity and optimism for those who saw no other source of optimism.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard lots of stories like that. I have heard stories like that from people who have spent time in Chinese prisons suffering behind bars as a result of religious persecution. That the words of President Reagan, the firmness with which he would deal when it came to communism and the oppressive nature of communism, it has inspired revolutionaries across the planet. It has inspired those whose thirst for democracy has been fulfilled. It has inspired those who have run for office in countries where pro-democracy, pro-free markets, pro-religious expression, those kinds of sentiments are all but abolished. And we see President Reagan's firm commitment to these concepts taking root in some of the most unlikely places.

Here in the United States, as I mentioned before, there are many, many people who have come to Congress for the first time this year who have won seats in the State legislatures around the Nation, who have campaigned and won titles as county commissioner and

city council member and school board member, who are inspired in their vision of a constitutional government of local strength, of a Nation that defines itself from within, inspired to run for office in the first place, to be active in their communities, and to lead as real Americans lead.

Mr. Speaker, Ronald Reagan taught us that character means the world. With his unwavering moral sense, steeped in selflessness and decency, President Reagan offered a vision, a vision to all America, and then he followed through. For that I am grateful, as is this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I say to the former President, "Mr. President, I thank you and happy birthday. America and the world are better because of you, because of your courage, and because of your sacrifice. We shall never forget you."

If we have time left, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado for yielding. As the gentleman discussed, those who have crossed his path who have run for public office, whether in this country or beyond these borders, I think of the scores of young people who apply for internships or that first job here in Washington or back in our districts who unfailingly cite the example of Ronald Reagan coming to political awareness, whether in elementary school or junior high, looking to that example of leadership. It is an example which will continue to inspire and motivate what he called the last, best hope of mankind.

Mr. Speaker, it is the optimism that this noble experiment would continue. That despite the travails and the challenges we face, our basic goodness as a people and our reliance on principle and the notion of limited government will prevail. We shall not see his like again, though he will be emulated, though he always will be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, the special nature of the leadership of Ronald Reagan, his optimism, his eloquence, his leadership ability, his foresight give us all reason to pause on this, his 90th birthday, not only to remember the past, but to pledge ourselves to work in the present, to provide for a glorious future. For as he said, America's greatest days are still to come.

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to close with three quotes from President Reagan. In his first inaugural address in January of 1981, he said, "No arsenal or no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

Later that year, in September of 1981, he said, "We who live in free market societies believe that growth, prosperity, and ultimately human fulfillment are created from the bottom up, not the government down. Trust the people."

And, finally, in a speech to the Republican National Committee, August 23, 1984, President Reagan said this: "In this springtime of hope, some lights seem eternal; America's is."

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for recognizing me for this special order and for all of my colleagues who joined in this special order tonight in wishing President Reagan a happy 90th birthday. The country is grateful for the President's service and for his optimism and passion for the country.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of business in the district.

Mr. GRUCCI (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHOWS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROGERS of Michigan) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, February 7.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. recognizing the 90th birthday of Ronald Reagan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 7, 2001, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
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Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

527. A letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Retained Water in Raw Meat and Poultry Products; Poultry Chilling Requirements [Docket No. 97-054F] (RIN: 0583-AC26) received January 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

528. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Post-loan Policies and Procedures Common to Guaranteed and Insured Loans (RIN: 0572-AB53) received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

529. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers; Management Letter (RIN: 0572-AB66) received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

530. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force which occurred in the fiscal year (FY) 1986, FY 1987, and FY 1988 Aircraft Procurement, and the FY 1988 Operation and Maintenance (O&M), Air Force appropriations, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

531. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force which occurred at the 438th Air Mobility Wing (now the 305th Air Mobility Wing), located at the McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

532. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that Headquarters Air Mobility Command has conducted a Business Analysis to reduce the cost of the Andrews Air Force Base (AFB), Maryland, 89th Airlift Wing Aircraft Maintenance and Base Supply function, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

533. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's determination and findings that it is in the public interest to use other than competitive procedures for a particular procurement, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(7); to the Committee on Armed Services.

534. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the approved retirement and advancement to the grade of general on the retired list of General Patrick K. Gamble, United States Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

535. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report entitled, "The Community Reinvestment Act After Financial Modernization: A Final Report" pursuant to section 715 of the GRAMM-Leach-Bliley Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

536. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Determining Adjusted Income in HUD Programs Serving Persons With Disabilities: Requiring Mandatory Deductions For Certain Expenses; and Disallowance for Earned Income; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. FR-4608-F-03] (RIN: 2501-AC72) received February 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

537. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision to the Application Process for Community Development Block Grants for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. FR-4612-F-03] (RIN: 2577-AC22) received February 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

538. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Discontinuation of the Section 221(d)(2) Mortgage Insurance Program; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. FR-4588-F-03] (RIN: 2505-AH50) received February 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

539. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-P-7600] received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

540. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report on the feasibility and desirability of mandatory subordinated debt, pursuant to Section 108 of the GRAMM-Leach-Bliley Act, P.L. 106-102; to the Committee on Financial Services.

541. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the pay-as-you-go report, as required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended; to the Committee on the Budget.

542. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on the Cost Estimate For Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

543. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; Delay of Effective Date—received January 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

544. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; Delay of Effective Date—received January

31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

545. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities; Delay of Effective Date—received January 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

546. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program; Delay of Effective Date—received January 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

547. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting a report entitled, "Minimum Wage and Overtime Hours Report"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

548. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 1999," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7267; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

549. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual financial report to Congress required by the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA), as amended (section 104(b)), pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 379g nt; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

550. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Demonstration Projects to Study the Effect of Allowing States to Extend Medicaid to Pregnant Women and Children Not Otherwise Qualified to Receive Medicaid Benefits," pursuant to Public Law 101-239, section 6407(g)(2) (103 Stat. 2267); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

551. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report on the Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act of 1999, section 3006 concerning the abusive registration of domain names; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

552. A letter from the Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technology Opportunities Program [Docket No. 981203295-0355-05] (RIN: 0660-ZA06) received January 9, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

553. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons (RIN: 1904-AB05) received December 18, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

554. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2000: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

555. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a study concerning any safeguards