

of our national income will go to health care every year, twice as much as any other country on the face of the globe. If we just keep on doing what we're doing, over 20 cents on the dollar will have to go to service the debt.

Unless we have the courage now to start building our future and stop borrowing from it, we're condemning ourselves to years of stagnation interrupted by occasional recessions, to slow growth in jobs, to no more growth in income, to more debt, to more disappointment. Worse, unless we change, unless we increase investment and reduce the debt to raise productivity so that we can generate both jobs and incomes, we will be condemning our children and our children's children to a lesser life than we enjoyed. Once Americans looked forward to doubling their living standards every 25 years. At present productivity rates, it will take 100 years to double living standards, until our grandchildren's grandchildren are born. I say that is too long to wait.

Tonight the American people know we have to change. But they're also likely to ask me tomorrow and all of you for the weeks and months ahead whether we have the fortitude to make the changes happen in the right way. They know that as soon as I leave this Chamber and you go home, various interest groups will be out in force lobbying against this or that piece of this plan, and that the forces of conventional wisdom will offer a thousand reasons why we well ought to do this but we just can't do it.

Our people will be watching and wondering, not to see whether you disagree with me on a particular issue but just to see whether this is going to be business as usual or a real new day, whether we're all going to conduct ourselves as if we know we're working for them. We must scale the walls of the people's skepticisms, not with our words but with our deeds. After so many years of gridlock and indecision, after so many hopeful beginnings and so few promising results, the American people are going to be harsh in their judgments of all of us if we fail to seize this moment.

This economic plan can't please everybody. If the package is picked apart, there will be something that will anger each of us, won't please anybody. But if it is taken as

a whole, it will help all of us. So I ask you all to begin by resisting the temptation to focus only on a particular spending cut you don't like or some particular investment that wasn't made. And nobody likes the tax increases, but let's just face facts. For 20 years, through administrations of both parties, incomes have stalled and debt has exploded and productivity has not grown as it should. We cannot deny the reality of our condition. We have got to play the hand we were dealt and play it as best we can.

My fellow Americans, the test of this plan cannot be what is in it for me. It has got to be what is in it for us. If we work hard and if we work together, if we rededicate ourselves to creating jobs, to rewarding work, to strengthening our families, to reinventing our Government, we can lift our country's fortunes again.

Tonight, I ask everyone in this Chamber and every American to look simply into your heart, to spark your own hopes, to fire your own imagination. There is so much good, so much possibility, so much excitement in this country now that if we act boldly and honestly, as leaders should, our legacy will be one of prosperity and progress. This must be America's new direction. Let us summon the courage to seize it.

Thank you. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:10 p.m. in the House Chamber of the Capitol.

Proclamation 6529—National Visiting Nurse Associations Week, 1993

February 18, 1993

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Since 1885, countless men, women, and children have been provided care in their own communities and homes by the staff of Visiting Nurse Associations. These associations are in 422 urban and rural communities in 45 States and provide home health care to more than 1,500,000 people. The associa-

tions are voluntary in nature, independently owned, and community based. They offer a wide range of services, including hospice care, personal care, homemaking, social services, nutritional counseling, specialized nursing care, and occupational, physical, and speech therapy by registered nurses.

Historically, the care provided by Visiting Nurse Associations has enabled many individuals who are chronically ill or disabled to remain in their homes. Such care provides a setting that is familiar to them and is characterized by the physical and social support of family, friends, and loved ones.

Today, as an increasing number of people are being released from acute care settings and returning to their communities in need of complex home health assistance, Visiting Nurse Associations have been quick to respond. Whether caring for a low birth-weight baby, assisting a person recently released from the hospital following surgery, or administering life-sustaining procedures, Visiting Nurse Associations have proven to be critical care providers.

The associations adhere to high standards of quality and provide personalized and cost-effective health care and support, regardless of a person's ability to pay. They are enthusiastically supported by the communities in which they are located, and their resources are regularly enhanced by the services of volunteers and the donations of community members.

In recognition of the increasing need for home health care, and the significant potential of Visiting Nurse Associations to provide this care, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 484, has designated the week beginning February 14, 1993, as "National Visiting Nurse Associations Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week beginning February 14, 1993, as National Visiting Nurse Associations Week. I urge all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventeenth.

William J. Clinton

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Nomination of Phil Lader To Be Deputy Director for Management for the Office of Management and Budget

February 19, 1993

The President today appointed Phil Lader, a South Carolina businessman and educator, to be the Office of Management and Budget's Deputy Director for Management. As the senior administration official directly responsible for cutting waste and inefficiency in Government operations, Lader will play a key role in the President's efforts to reinvent Government.

"We must streamline the operations of the Federal Government," said President Clinton. "We must squeeze every penny that we have out of the Government before we ask ordinary Americans to contribute to deficit reduction. Phil Lader has my complete confidence. I trust his ability to find every way possible to carry out my mandate of slashing the executive costs of Government."

A lawyer by training and candidate for South Carolina Governor in 1986, Mr. Lader has had senior management experience in diverse fields. In business, he was president of Sea Pines Company, an operator and developer of recreation facilities, and executive vice president of a financial holding company. In academia, he was president of Australia's first private university and president of Winthrop University in South Carolina. He also was the founder and host of Renaissance Weekends and president of Business Executives for National Security.