

tively interested in pursuing a healthier lifestyle which would mean more exercise and a better diet and it's dropped now to 30 percent; when I see the number of children who live in our cities and are vulnerable to gangs and violence and drugs, and I realize that there are no public swimming pools in many of our cities available to them, that the basketball courts don't work anymore, that there are no longer baseball leagues for kids to play in in the summertime; when I look at large employers who spend fabulous amounts of money on health care but very little on the wellness of their employees, I say to myself, I like fighting these fights. I don't mind making these enemies. But unless the American people do something to seize control of their own personal health care destiny and that of their families and that of their friends and neighbors and the kids who live in their cities and communities, we are not going to become what we ought to become. That is why this day is important to me and to the American people.

So I say to the members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, thank you. We will support you in every way we can. We hope your message will be heard loud and clear.

I say to my fellow Americans, ask yourselves what you can do to improve your own health, the health of your communities, and the availability of sporting and teamwork activities to kids. When you play sports, you don't have time to do other things. When you're involved in teamwork, you learn how to deal with the disappointment of defeat and frustration. You even learn how to manage unfairness. These are important things, lessons in life that have to be learned. A Government program cannot provide them.

So we'll keep doing our job. Let's help them do their job.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:21 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Florence Griffith Joyner and Tom McMillen, cochairs of the Council.

Statement on Representative Dan Rostenkowski

May 31, 1994

Like all Americans, Chairman Rostenkowski has the right to contest the charges made against him and to have his day in court. Chairman Rostenkowski and others have helped create real momentum for health care reform, and I am confident that legislation will pass this year.

Proclamation 6698—National Women in Agriculture Day, 1994

May 31, 1994

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Few images are more traditionally American than the vast geometric tapestry of plowed fields and lush crops that carpet our country. Since our Nation's founding, farms have defined both the topography of our land and the steadfastness of our national character. Farm families take particular pride in knowing that women—as field workers and financial managers, as mothers and homemakers—have been a vital, driving force in sustaining this essential enterprise from its beginnings.

Today, American agriculture encompasses far more than a quiet picture of pastoral beauty. Our Nation's farmers grow the food that feeds the world. Merging old-fashioned know-how with the latest innovations in production technology, farmers across the United States work to ensure that our markets are filled with low-cost, high-quality goods. With wise leadership and firm support, women in their myriad roles in our agriculture industry reflect the proud American commitment to excellence.

As we celebrate National Women in Agriculture Day 1994, we recognize new ways in which women's energy and determination are helping to keep our agricultural system strong. Whether in investigating the ecosystem of a Brazilian rain forest or in exploring new opportunities in international trade,

women are working to enhance efficiency and competitiveness in American agribusiness—a mission that benefits all of the Earth's people.

With an abiding love for their families and a deep understanding of the challenges farmers face, women have urged our Nation to action in areas from environmental protection to providing health care to every one of our citizens. Their personal experiences of hard work and cooperation have made the world of American agriculture thrive. Just as important, they have demonstrated to all of us the strength of compassion and the power of perseverance. For this lesson and for the gifts of their labor we enjoy every day, our Nation's women in agriculture have our heartfelt gratitude.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 9, 1994, as "National Women in Agriculture Day." I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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

William J. Clinton

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Remarks Honoring the 1st Infantry Division

June 1, 1994

Thank you so much, Colonel Nechey, for your introduction, for your comments, for your heroic devotion to your country. General Sullivan, General Talbott, Mr. Stanton, we stand here today in the shadow of Winged Victory, the statue atop the monument to the 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red 1. The motto says it all, "No mission too difficult,

no sacrifice too great, beauty first." The number "1" tells us not only your division's name but the faith your country has placed in you for quite a long while now. You have been first in battle for as long as you have existed: The first in Paris in World War I, the first on the Normandy beaches, the first Army division in Vietnam, the first to breach Iraqi defenses in Desert Storm.

In a few moments I will leave to begin this historic trip to Europe to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day and the other crucial battles of World War II. I want to take a moment here briefly to thank the Department of Defense and the World War II Commemorative Committee for all their hard work in organizing these observances. In Europe we will be remembering the sacrifices of the generation that fought that great war. They have given us 50 years of freedom and strong nationhood. They have nurtured generations of young Americans and given us a chance to work with the rest of the world to bring the cold war to an end and to build toward the 21st century.

Before we leave to honor those who fought and died in the Second World War, I think we should also say a word here on American soil about those who were here at home during that war and who, themselves, were also heroes. They made a contribution, whether they were women who built aircraft or rolled bandages, farmers who grew food for troops, men who in my State and many others worked as much as 16 hours in coal mines breathing coal dust and wrecking their bodies to keep our engine of production going, or children who collected scrap metal and rubber for our production. Worried about loved ones overseas, the homefront army of democracy kept the faith to build the wartime output that made D-Day and victory possible.

With the strong leadership of President Roosevelt, they awakened the slumbering genius and giant of American industry. In 1940, our Navy had no landing craft. By 1944 there were over 25,000. In 1940, the United States produced fewer than 500 airplanes a month. In 1941, F.D.R. called for 4,000 a month and everyone thought he was a little crazy. But by D-Day, Rosie the Riveter and her cowork-