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# HISPANIC

Pilsen Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.  
Albert Vazquez, Executive Director  
2330 S. Millard Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60623  
(312) 762-8899

- o History: The Pilsen Little Village Community Mental Health Center is a multi-service, community-based agency which has served Chicago's Hispanic community for 25 years. Pilsen was originally started as a mental health counseling center, but gradually grew to meet the human services needs of the surrounding community.
- o Community Involvement: A large measure of Pilsen's success is the Chicago's Hispanic community is due to heavy community involvement in the activities of the center. Pilsen serves as a service provider and as a center of the community. Pilsen's Board of Directors, which is 95% Hispanic, are all from the surrounding community.
- o Family Focus: Virtually all of Pilsen Little Village's programming focuses on the entire family in seeking to eliminate various dysfunctions. In addition to the areas listed above for intervention and prevention, Pilsen also conducts general parenting classes to assist families in preventing and controlling problems such as drug abuse, child abuse, high-school drop-out.
- o Programming: Pilsen Little Village conducts varied programming in a variety of human services areas. Areas targeted for prevention and intervention include substance abuse, child abuse, mental illness; AIDS; vocational development for the mentally impaired, and others.
- o Strong Volunteerism: Many of the Pilsen Little Village's former clients return to serve as volunteers and assist in delivering services to others. Community members have also joined to purchase housing, which is then used by Pilsen to provide long-term housing for the mentally ill and indigent AIDS patients.
- o Funding: Pilsen's annual budget is approximately \$2.5 million. The center receives funding for its various programs from the federal government, the State of Illinois, foundations, and corporations. Pilsen is also uniquely creative in drawing community support, volunteers, and funds to support special projects such as housing development.

Veteran person

BK really wants to use Paul Casey

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Thank you, good evening. Members of the Cabinet, honored guests. Dr. Benjamin Payton of Tuskegee Institute who brings a lifelong commitment to our Historically Black Colleges, welcome.

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House fellow <sup>at Justice</sup> and winner of the Distinguished Disabled American Award, <sup>1988</sup> welcome to you, sir. Governors \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ To <sup>Robert</sup> ~~Egan~~ <sup>Egan</sup>

of the D.C. Central Kitchen and the over sixty other Points of Light who are here tonight, your work inspires the nation. And

to the rest of this extraordinary gathering -- leaders of <sup>60 other pts of light</sup> businesses, associations, volunteer organizations, education partnerships, and all those who make America the land of opportunity, welcome to the White House.

[ I might add that also with us is Anthony Henderson, a youngster from Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia. You may recall that when I visited his class, Anthony's the one who asked me to prove I was the President. I had to show him my American Express Card. Anthony, now do you believe me?]

Over the past thirty months, the world has changed at a dramatic pace. America has been called upon to meet one challenge after another. **And meet them we did -- each and every one of them. From Panama, to Eastern Europe, to the Persian Gulf, our country stands strong as a champion of freedom for all.**

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It is hard for the American people to understand why a bill to fight crime cannot be enacted in a hundred days; or why Congress can't pass a highway bill in a hundred days. Most Americans believe fear of crime and violence threatens our most basic freedoms -- denies us opportunity. They also believe we must invest in our future -- provide an infrastructure for those who come after us. So they don't understand the complication, the inaction, the bickering -- particularly when so many do understand what it takes to solve problems in their own neighborhoods: conviction, compassion, and courage.

I cannot fully explain to the American people the breakdown of the legislative system. But I can say this as partial consolation: America's problem-solving does not begin or end with the Congress. If we waited for Congressional approval to act decisively against aggression in the Persian Gulf, we would still be waiting. We didn't wait, and now Kuwait is free.

Yes, it would help if Congress would do what we ask and need. But we cannot let its inaction discourage or deter us from meeting our responsibilities.

Tonight, gathered under the twilight shadow of Washington's Monument, are many extraordinary Americans, representing thousands of others. If you will permit me, I'd like to share some of your successes with the rest of America because you bring to life the genius of the American spirit. **Together we can transform America, and create communities everywhere that are whole and good.** Tonight I am asking all Americans to lead the way.

A great nation has the courage to be honest about itself. And we are a great nation. I believe that absolutely, as do you. We are indisputably the world's most powerful force for freedom and economic growth. Still, no one can deny that we have enormous challenges. Not all Americans are living the American Dream. Many can't even imagine it.

There are impoverished Americans, the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the hopeless, many unable to read and write. There are Americans gone astray, the kids dragged down by drugs, the shattered families, the teenage mothers struggling to cope. Then there are Americans uneasy, troubled and bewildered by the dizzying pace of change.

For many years I have crisscrossed this nation. As President, part of my job -- an exciting part -- is going to small towns and big cities, schools, neighborhoods and

playgrounds, factories, farms, and fields. Those are the places where you find out what's good and right about our country -- and what's going wrong, too.

**The state of our nation is the state of our communities. As our communities flourish, our nation will flourish. So we must seek a nation of whole communities, a nation of good communities -- an America, Whole and Good.**

What defines such a community? First, it is one that cares for the needs of its young people by building character -- values and good habits for life. Second, it's a community that provides excellent schools -- schools that spark a lifelong interest in learning. Next, there is opportunity and hope -- rooted in the dignity of work, and reward for achievement. Fourth, it's where people care about their health and their environment -- and where a sense of well-being and belonging is nurtured within its people. Finally, all of its neighborhoods are decent and safe.

Because thousands of Americans have chosen to lead the way, these are not just dreams. Thousands of communities like this flourish in America -- communities where people like you and me have achieved the American Dream. We should never lose sight of that. **America is the most prosperous and productive, educated and enlightened nation on earth -- a nation that can do anything. And we can make it even better.**

We should be confident about what lies ahead. America has a track record of success -- success shaped with our own hands. Sometimes, in our impatience, we've made mistakes --but when we

do, we dust ourselves off, and go at it again. We have always acted out of a conviction to do what's right. Every American should take pride in this country's fundamental goodness. Each of us must resolve in our own hearts that for all the good we've done, it's time to do better, much, much better.

Conventional wisdom in our day once held that all solutions were in the hands of government: call in the best and brightest and hand over the keys to the national treasury. Bigger government was better government: compassion measured in dollars and cents; progress by price tag. We tried that course. As we entered the eighties -- our economy strangling on inflation, interest rates, and unemployment -- America turned away from government as "the answer".

So conventional wisdom then turned to the genius of the free market. We began a decade of exceptional economic growth -- and created twenty million new jobs. Yet, our streets are still not safe, our schools have lost their edge, and millions still trudge the path of poverty. There is more to be done; and the marketplace alone can't solve all our problems.

Is the harsh lesson that there must always be those that are left behind? America must have but one answer. The answer is No. There is a better way, one that combines our efforts -- those of a government properly defined, the marketplace properly understood, and service to others properly fulfilled. This is the way to build an America Whole and Good.

It requires all three forces of our national life. First, it requires the power of the free market; second, a competent compassionate government; third, the ethic of serving others -- what I call Points of Light. These three powerful forces create the conditions communities that are whole and good -- and it's time we harnessed all of them to transform America.

In our complex democracy, power is fragmented. That can be frustrating. But on balance it's for the good. And power tends to move toward those who serve the greater good.

It belongs in the hands of entrepreneurs, like John Bryant, a young old self-starter who has built a multimillion dollar enterprise and now helps rebuild inner city Los Angeles; in the hands of [government], in the hands of Mack Stolarski, a retired carpenter who now helps his student apprentices repair homes for the poor and disabled.

What so much of the world can only covet, we take for granted: food on the shelves of our supermarkets, and at our shopping centers, cutting-edge, quality products of infinite variety. Nothing can beat the free market at generating good jobs at decent wages, in healthy and safe workplaces.

The good news is that the free market is now applying its resources, creativity, and know-how, to our social problems. Many companies, recognizing that tomorrow's workers are today's students, are leaders of a revolution in American education -- partners in our Education 2000 strategy. Others are crusaders

for environmental protection, while still others are innovators from health care to child care.

But the market can only go so far by itself. To transform America, government needs to be dynamic as well. To be the instrument of the people -- the government of Jefferson and Lincoln and Roosevelt -- and the embodiment of their vision -- it must truly be a force for good.

I believe in this kind of government -- a government of compassion and competence. And I believe in backing up that commitment with action. Here tonight, for example, is Mrs. Lauren Floyd, one of the first Head Start graduates. Now, she teaches preschoolers in that same marvelous program. Her success is why we expanded Head Start by \$\_\_\_\_. And a year ago I signed our child care bill to make child care available to those that the market cannot reach. We fought for a Clean Air Act that puts the free market in the service of the environment -- and we succeeded. The Americans with Disabilities Act has brought a new opportunities to our nation's disabled -- leaders of the disability community like Justin Dart and Evan Kemp were right here when I signed it. I see they are here tonight. Jack Kemp and I stood with Mrs. Ramona Younger in Charles Houston Community Center in Alexandria, Virginia -- where public housing tenants are becoming America's newest homeowners. Our crime bill will help make America's neighborhoods safe.\*\*\* And if we get the kind of civil rights bill that I sent to the Congress, we will take a dramatic step against the blight of bigotry and

discrimination. This is not big government -- **this is good government. And it too leads to communities whole and good.**

Finally, along with the forces of the free market and the government we must add the ethic of voluntary service -- Points of Light. That is not a phrase about charity. It is about the light that is within us all -- as the verse of Randy Travis says, "a ray of hope in the darkest nights". Its light can brighten the lives of others -- and make the lives of those who shine it, complete as well.

Points of Light is a call to every American to serve another in need. But no one of us can solve big problems like drug abuse or poverty by ourselves. Only the **combined brilliance** from every school, every business, place of worship, club, group, and organization in every community can dissolve the darkness.

Whether a company holds an after-hours literacy program for its workers, a police station counsels for tough kids, or third graders phone homebound senior citizens, **Points of light tell those in need that their lives matter.** When Points of Light join with the power of government and the power of the marketplace we can truly overwhelm stubborn social problems. **This is how we must guarantee the next American Century.** Every person, every business, every school board -- our associations, our clubs, our churches -- we all have the duty to lead.

Only then, can we truly think and act anew. Think of the opportunity before us -- to re-invent America. Congress too must

now understand the successes and failures of the past -- and help us forge the strongest future this world can imagine.

The people gathered here tonight represent those who refuse to rest easy. I look out and see so much reflected in your faces -- the strength, the conviction, the commitment. You represent those millions of Americans who use power to inspire a greater good. I know, because you've brought me into your homes and your neighborhoods, your schools and your churches

Last year I walked through reclaimed blocks in Kansas City with a group of men called Mad Dads. ~~It might not be anybody~~ <sup>out not there</sup> I learned more about how our nation fights crime in two hours than in two months of TV news.

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their diploma. They honored us by saying to America, we must be a nation dedicated to lifelong learning.

These are the Americans who love this country for what it is and for what it can become. These are the Americans who make this a nation of boldness -- filled with problem solvers -- gifted with the American tradition of living up to our ideals. These are the Americans who prove that no one in America is without a gift to give, a skill to share, a hand to offer.

This is the genius of America -- ordinary Americans doing extraordinary things.

This is the genius we must carry forward. We must carry forward what is good, and reach out and embrace what is best. I know you will. I know you have. Through you, your country can become an America Whole and Good. For that your country is grateful, and for that your country will endure.

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[ I might add that also with us is Anthony Henderson, a youngster from Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia. You may recall that when I visited his class, Anthony's the one who asked me to prove I was the President. I had to show him my drivers license and credit card. Anthony, now do you believe me?]

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Tonight I would like to put this all in some perspective. I haven't asked you here to sit through a litany of programs and policies. Rather I'd like to do something different, and describe to you how I personally see the shared strength and promise of America.

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Yes, it would help if Congress would do what the people are asking of them. I'll keep working with the Congress <sup>-- my hand remains extended.</sup> -- I'll keep bringing them along. But we cannot let Congress discourage or deter us from meeting our responsibilities.

I believe the people gathered here tonight, under the twilight shadow of Washington's Monument, understand this better than most. You are extraordinary Americans, representing thousands of others. You bring to life the genius of the American spirit, and it is through you and with you that we can solve our most pressing problems. Together we can transform America, and create whole and good communities everywhere. Tonight, I am asking all Americans to lead the way.

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The Congress can refer our proposals to its hundreds of committees, tie itself up with debate, and produce complicated, *expensive* unworkable legislation. But in the end we must carry forward the magic of America. We must carry forward what is good, and reach out and embrace what is best. *WE must do the hard work of freedom.* I know you have. I know you will. Through you, our country can become an America Whole and Good. For that our country is grateful, and because of that our country will prevail.

→ Business, environmentalist,  
rep of ROBINS Company  
in Attleboro, MA  
(Electroplating firm,  
innov w/ hazardous  
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June 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR MOLLY

FROM: JENNIFER

SUBJECT: INFO NEEDED PER MY MEETING WITH DD

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Pt of Light

- 1) What governors will be attending tomorrow? *Gov Castle of Delaware (2)*  
*Gov Campbell SC (1)*
- 2) We need there another example of an inspirational teacher besides Lauren Floyd? *Mabel Cabbagestalk (1st recp of the child Deap Assoc Award)*
- 3) Is it Miss or Mrs. Floyd? *JACKSON*
- 4) Is it Miss or Mrs. Younger? *Prudential award*
- 5) Who from the D.C. Central Kitchen will attend?
- 6) Who from the Delaware event is coming? *almost all, will have a list tomorrow (20-40 students w/ spouses)*
- 7) We need a government Point of Light -- like a mayor or something. Who is the most poignant? *Ann Klinger*
- 8) We need a law enforcement example. Not the state troopers. Someone of whom can say "\_\_\_\_\_ understands the need for our Administration's Crime Bill." *DEWEY STOKES, Molly said David knows*
- 9) Can we say that the Coca Cola chairman has exhibited community leadership? *Paul O'Neill, Chairman of ALCOA & Cur of PPAC*
- 10) Is Barcroft Elementary in Arlington, VA? *Presidential Educ Policy Advisory Committee*

✓ VET: RONALD EUGENE SMITH

American Legion  
Legionnaire - past commander of Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA  
- During Desert Storm, the Am Legion operated the Family Support Network, a 1-800 proj, where fams of troops could call in if they needed help  
- e.g. helped a fam move to lessen exp housing cuz dad/reservist called up

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1991

THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING. MEMBERS OF THE CABINET,  
HONORED GUESTS. DR. BENJAMIN PAYTON OF TUSKEGEE  
INSTITUTE WHO BRINGS A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO OUR  
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES, WELCOME. GOVERNOR  
CAMPBELL, GOVERNOR CASTLE. DREW BATAVIA, WINNER OF THE  
1988 DISTINGUISHED DISABLED AMERICAN AWARD, WELCOME TO  
YOU, SIR. TO ROBERT EGGER, FOUNDER OF THE D.C. CENTRAL  
KITCHEN, AND THE SIXTY OTHER POINTS OF LIGHT <sup>represented</sup> WHO ARE  
HERE TONIGHT, YOUR WORK INSPIRES THE NATION. MAYOR  
HACKETT OF MEMPHIS, MAYOR MYRIC OF CHARLOTTE, COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER KLINGER, GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. I SAW  
PAUL O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN OF ALCOA, A DEDICATED ADVOCATE  
FOR A EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE. AND TO THE REST OF THIS  
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EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALL THOSE WHO MAKE AMERICA  
THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY, WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

[ I MIGHT ADD THAT ALSO WITH US IS ANTHONY HENDERSON, A YOUNGSTER FROM BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. YOU MAY RECALL THAT WHEN I VISITED HIS CLASS, ANTHONY'S THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO PROVE I WAS THE PRESIDENT. I HAD TO SHOW HIM MY DRIVERS LICENSE AND CREDIT CARD. ANTHONY, NOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME?]

OVER THE PAST THIRTY MONTHS, THE WORLD HAS CHANGED AT A DRAMATIC PACE. AMERICA HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO MEET ONE CHALLENGE AFTER ANOTHER. AND MEET THEM WE DID -- EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. FROM EASTERN EUROPE, TO PANAMA, TO THE PERSIAN GULF, OUR COUNTRY STANDS STRONG AS A CHAMPION OF FREEDOM.

NINETY-EIGHT DAYS AGO, I ASKED CONGRESS TO TACKLE THE URGENT PROBLEMS ON THE HOME FRONT WITH THE SAME ENERGY WE DEDICATED TO TACKLING THE CRISIS ON THE BATTLEFRONT. I SPELLED OUT MY DOMESTIC PRIORITIES -- SETTING OUT AN AMBITIOUS AGENDA FOUNDED UPON ENHANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH, INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE, AND INCREASING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS. I SENT TO THE CONGRESS LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGE. THEN I SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT CONGRESS PASS JUST TWO LAWS IN A HUNDRED DAYS -- A COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-CRIME BILL, AND A TRANSPORTATION BILL.

I THOUGHT A HUNDRED DAYS WAS PRETTY REASONABLE.  
[ I WASN'T ASKING THE CONGRESS TO DELIVER A HOT PIZZA  
IN LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES. (THAT WOULD BE TRULY  
REVOLUTIONARY) I ONLY ASKED FOR TWO PIECES OF  
LEGISLATION IN A HUNDRED DAYS. ] IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT  
NEITHER WILL BE ON MY DESK BY FRIDAY. I AM  
DISAPPOINTED -- BUT FRANKLY I'M NOT SURPRISED. TONIGHT  
I WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS ALL IN SOME PERSPECTIVE. I  
HAVEN'T ASKED YOU HERE TO SIT THROUGH A LITANY OF  
PROGRAMS AND POLICIES. RATHER I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT, AND DESCRIBE TO YOU HOW I PERSONALLY SEE THE  
SHARED STRENGTH AND PROMISE OF AMERICA.

IT IS HARD FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY A BILL TO FIGHT CRIME CANNOT BE ENACTED IN A HUNDRED DAYS; OR WHY CONGRESS CAN'T PASS A HIGHWAY BILL IN A HUNDRED DAYS. MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE FEAR OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE THREATENS OUR MOST BASIC FREEDOMS -- DENIES US OPPORTUNITY. THEY ALSO BELIEVE WE MUST INVEST IN OUR FUTURE -- PROVIDE AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER US. SO THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE COMPLICATIONS, THE INACTION, THE BICKERING -- PARTICULARLY WHEN SO MANY DO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TAKES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS: COMMITMENT, COMPASSION, AND COURAGE.

I CANNOT FULLY EXPLAIN THIS INACTION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AS I SAID, I'M DISAPPOINTED, BUT NOT SURPRISED. BUT I CAN SAY THIS AS PARTIAL CONSOLATION: AMERICA'S PROBLEM-SOLVING DOES NOT BEGIN OR END WITH THE CONGRESS.

YES, IT WOULD HELP IF CONGRESS WOULD DO WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE ASKING OF THEM. I'LL KEEP WORKING WITH THE CONGRESS -- MY HAND REMAINS EXTENDED -- I'LL KEEP BRINGING THEM ALONG. BUT WE CANNOT LET CONGRESS DISCOURAGE OR DETER US FROM MEETING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT, UNDER THE TWILIGHT SHADOW OF WASHINGTON'S MONUMENT, UNDERSTAND THIS BETTER THAN MOST. YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARY AMERICANS, REPRESENTING THOUSANDS OF OTHERS. YOU BRING TO LIFE THE GENIUS OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT, AND IT IS THROUGH YOU AND WITH YOU THAT WE CAN SOLVE OUR MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS. TOGETHER WE CAN TRANSFORM AMERICA, AND CREATE WHOLE AND GOOD COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE. TONIGHT, I AM ASKING ALL AMERICANS TO LEAD THE WAY.

A GREAT NATION HAS THE COURAGE TO BE HONEST ABOUT ITSELF. AND WE ARE A GREAT NATION. I BELIEVE THAT ABSOLUTELY, AS DO YOU. WE ARE INDISPUTABLY THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL FORCE FOR FREEDOM AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. STILL, NO ONE CAN DENY THAT WE HAVE ENORMOUS CHALLENGES. NOT ALL AMERICANS ARE LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM. MANY CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE IT.

THERE ARE IMPOVERISHED AMERICANS, THE POOR AND THE HOMELESS, THE HUNGRY AND THE HOPELESS, MANY UNABLE TO READ AND WRITE. THERE ARE AMERICANS GONE ASTRAY, THE KIDS DRAGGED DOWN BY DRUGS, THE SHATTERED FAMILIES, THE TEENAGE MOTHERS STRUGGLING TO COPE. THEN THERE ARE AMERICANS UNEASY, TROUBLED AND BEWILDERED BY THE DIZZYING PACE OF CHANGE.

FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE CRISSCROSSED THIS NATION. AS PRESIDENT, PART OF MY JOB -- AN EXCITING PART -- IS GOING TO SMALL TOWNS AND BIG CITIES, SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND FACTORIES -- THOSE ARE THE PLACES WHERE YOU DISCOVER WHAT'S GOOD AND RIGHT ABOUT OUR COUNTRY -- AND WHAT'S GOING WRONG, TOO.

THE STATE OF OUR NATION IS THE STATE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. AS OUR COMMUNITIES FLOURISH, OUR NATION WILL FLOURISH. SO WE MUST SEEK A NATION OF WHOLE COMMUNITIES, A NATION OF GOOD COMMUNITIES -- AN AMERICA, WHOLE AND GOOD.

WHAT DEFINES SUCH A COMMUNITY? FIRST, IT IS ONE THAT CARES FOR THE NEEDS OF ITS YOUNG PEOPLE BY BUILDING CHARACTER -- VALUES AND GOOD HABITS FOR LIFE. SECOND, IT'S A COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES EXCELLENT SCHOOLS -- SCHOOLS THAT SPARK A LIFELONG INTEREST IN LEARNING. NEXT, THERE IS OPPORTUNITY AND HOPE -- ROOTED IN THE DIGNITY OF WORK, AND REWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT. FOURTH, IT'S WHERE PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT -- AND WHERE A SENSE OF WELL-BEING AND BELONGING IS NURTURED. FINALLY, ALL OF ITS NEIGHBORHOODS ARE DECENT AND SAFE.

BECAUSE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE CHOSEN TO LEAD THE WAY, THESE ARE NOT JUST DREAMS. THOUSANDS OF WHOLE AND GOOD COMMUNITIES ALREADY FLOURISH IN AMERICA -- COMMUNITIES WHERE ORDINARY PEOPLE HAVE ACHIEVED THE AMERICAN DREAM. WE SHOULD NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THAT. AMERICA IS THE MOST PROSPEROUS AND PRODUCTIVE, EDUCATED AND ENLIGHTENED NATION ON EARTH -- A NATION THAT CAN DO ANYTHING. AND WE CAN DO EVEN BETTER.

WE SHOULD BE CONFIDENT ABOUT WHAT LIES AHEAD. AMERICA HAS A TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS -- SUCCESS SHAPED WITH OUR OWN HANDS. SOMETIMES, IN OUR IMPATIENCE, WE'VE MADE MISTAKES -- BUT WHEN WE DO, WE DUST OURSELVES OFF, AND GO AT IT AGAIN. EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THIS COUNTRY'S FUNDAMENTAL GOODNESS. EACH OF US MUST RESOLVE IN OUR OWN HEARTS THAT FOR ALL THE GOOD WE'VE DONE, IT'S TIME TO DO BETTER, MUCH, MUCH BETTER.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IN OUR DAY ONCE HELD THAT ALL SOLUTIONS WERE IN THE HANDS OF GOVERNMENT: CALL IN THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST AND HAND OVER THE KEYS TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY. BIGGER GOVERNMENT WAS BETTER GOVERNMENT: COMPASSION MEASURED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS; PROGRESS BY PRICE TAG. WE TRIED THAT COURSE. AS WE ENDED THE SEVENTIES -- OUR ECONOMY STRANGLING ON INFLATION, SOARING INTEREST RATES, AND UNEMPLOYMENT -- AMERICA TURNED AWAY FROM GOVERNMENT AS "THE ANSWER".

SO CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THEN TURNED TO THE GENIUS OF THE FREE MARKET. WE BEGAN A DECADE OF EXCEPTIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH -- AND CREATED TWENTY MILLION NEW JOBS. YET, MANY OF OUR STREETS ARE STILL NOT SAFE, OUR SCHOOLS HAVE LOST THEIR EDGE, AND MILLIONS STILL TRUDGE THE PATH OF POVERTY. THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE; AND THE MARKETPLACE ALONE CAN'T SOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS.

IS THE HARSH LESSON THAT THERE MUST ALWAYS BE THOSE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND? AMERICA MUST HAVE BUT ONE ANSWER. THE ANSWER IS NO. THERE IS A BETTER WAY, ONE THAT COMBINES OUR EFFORTS -- THOSE OF A GOVERNMENT PROPERLY DEFINED, THE MARKETPLACE PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS PROPERLY ENGAGED. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO AN AMERICA WHOLE AND GOOD.

IT REQUIRES ALL THREE FORCES OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE. FIRST, IT REQUIRES THE POWER OF THE FREE MARKET; SECOND, A COMPETENT, COMPASSIONATE GOVERNMENT; THIRD, THE ETHIC OF SERVING OTHERS -- INCLUDING WHAT I CALL POINTS OF LIGHT. THESE THREE POWERFUL FORCES CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNITIES TO BE WHOLE AND GOOD -- AND IT'S TIME WE HARNESSSED ALL THREE OF THEM.

IN OUR COMPLEX DEMOCRACY, POWER IS FRAGMENTED. THAT CAN BE FRUSTRATING. BUT ON BALANCE IT'S FOR THE GOOD. AND POWER TENDS TO MOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO SERVE THE GREATER GOOD: ENTREPRENEURS, LIKE JOHN BRYANT, A YOUNG SELF-STARTER WHO HAS BUILT A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ENTERPRISE AND NOW HELPS REBUILD INNER CITY LOS ANGELES; CARING INDIVIDUALS LIKE MACK STOLARSKI, A RETIRED CARPENTER WHO NOW HELPS HIS STUDENT APPRENTICES REPAIR HOMES FOR THE POOR AND DISABLED.

AND BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF THE FREE MARKET, WHAT SO MUCH OF THE WORLD CAN ONLY IMAGINE, WE TAKE FOR GRANTED: ABUNDANT FOOD ON THE SHELVES OF OUR SUPERMARKETS, AND QUALITY PRODUCTS AT OUR SHOPPING CENTERS. NOTHING BEATS THE FREE MARKET AT GENERATING JOBS, INCOME, WEALTH, AND A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE.

THE GOOD NEWS IN COMMUNITIES IS THAT THE FREE MARKET IS NOW APPLYING ITS RESOURCES AND KNOW-HOW TO OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS. MANY COMPANIES, RECOGNIZING THAT TOMORROW'S WORKERS ARE TODAY'S STUDENTS, ARE LEADERS OF A REVOLUTION IN AMERICAN EDUCATION -- PARTNERS IN OUR EXCITING AMERICA 2000 STRATEGY. OTHERS ARE CRUSADERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WHILE STILL OTHERS ARE INNOVATORS FROM HEALTH CARE TO CHILD CARE.

TRANSFORMING AMERICA REQUIRES NOT ONLY THE POWER OF THE FREE MARKET, BUT ALSO A DYNAMIC GOVERNMENT. TO BE THE ENLIGHTENED INSTRUMENT OF THE PEOPLE -- THE GOVERNMENT OF JEFFERSON AND LINCOLN AND ROOSEVELT -- AND THE EMBODIMENT OF THEIR VISION -- IT MUST TRULY BE A FORCE FOR GOOD.

I BELIEVE IN THIS KIND OF GOVERNMENT -- A  
GOVERNMENT OF COMPASSION AND COMPETENCE. AND I BELIEVE  
IN BACKING IT UP WITH ACTION. HERE TONIGHT, FOR  
EXAMPLE, IS MRS. <sup>JACKSON -</sup> LAUREN FLOYD, ONE OF THE FIRST HEAD  
START GRADUATES. NOW, SHE TEACHES PRESCHOOLERS IN THAT  
SAME MARVELOUS PROGRAM. HER SUCCESS IS WHY WE EXPANDED  
HEAD START BY ALMOST THREE QUARTERS OF A BILLION  
DOLLARS. AND LAST YEAR I SIGNED OUR CHILD CARE BILL TO  
EXPAND PARENTS' CHOICES IN CARING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

WE FOUGHT FOR A CLEAN AIR ACT THAT PUTS THE FREE  
MARKET IN THE SERVICE OF THE ENVIRONMENT -- AND WE WON.  
THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT -- THE MOST  
IMPORTANT CIVIL RIGHTS BILL IN DECADES -- HAS BROUGHT  
NEW DIGNITY AND OPPORTUNITY TO OUR NATION'S DISABLED  
-- DISABILITY LEADERS LIKE JUSTIN DART AND EVAN KEMP  
WERE RIGHT HERE WHEN I SIGNED IT. I SEE THEY ARE HERE  
TONIGHT.

JACK KEMP AND I STOOD WITH RAMONA YOUNGER IN CHARLES HOUSTON COMMUNITY CENTER IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA -- IF THE CONGRESS ENACTS OUR H.O.P.E. INITIATIVE, THESE PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS CAN BECOME AMERICA'S NEWEST HOMEOWNERS. DEWEY STOKES HERE, PRESIDENT OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, WANTS TO HELP MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER -- THAT'S WHY HE SUPPORTS OUR CRIME BILL. AND IF WE GET A CIVIL RIGHTS BILL LIKE THE ONE I SENT TO THE CONGRESS, WE WILL TAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE.

THIS IS NOT BIG GOVERNMENT -- THIS IS GOOD GOVERNMENT.

FINALLY, ALONG WITH THE FORCES OF THE FREE MARKET AND THE GOVERNMENT WE MUST ADD THE ETHIC OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE -- POINTS OF LIGHT. THAT IS NOT A PHRASE ABOUT CHARITY. IT IS ABOUT THE LIGHT THAT IS WITHIN US ALL. A LIGHT THAT BRIGHTENS THE LIVES OF OTHERS -- AND MAKES WHOLE THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO SHINE IT.

POINTS OF LIGHT IS A CALL TO EVERY AMERICAN TO SERVE ANOTHER IN NEED. BUT NO ONE OF US CAN SOLVE BIG PROBLEMS LIKE POVERTY OR DRUG ABUSE BY OURSELVES. ONLY THE COMBINED LIGHT FROM EVERY SCHOOL, EVERY BUSINESS, PLACE OF WORSHIP, CLUB, GROUP, AND ORGANIZATION IN EVERY COMMUNITY CAN DISSOLVE THE DARKNESS.

WHETHER A COMPANY HOLDS AN AFTER-HOURS LITERACY PROGRAM FOR ITS WORKERS, A POLICE STATION COUNSELS TOUGH KIDS, OR THIRD GRADERS PHONE LONELY HOMEBOUND SENIOR CITIZENS, POINTS OF LIGHT SHOW THOSE IN NEED THAT THEIR LIVES MATTER.

GOVERNMENT, AND THE MARKET, JOINED WITH POINTS OF LIGHT, WILL OVERWHELM OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS. THIS IS HOW WE MUST GUARANTEE THE NEXT AMERICAN CENTURY. EVERY PERSON, EVERY BUSINESS, EVERY SCHOOL BOARD -- OUR ASSOCIATIONS, OUR CLUBS, OUR PLACES OF WORSHIP -- WE ALL HAVE THE DUTY TO LEAD.

ONLY THEN, CAN WE TRULY THINK AND ACT ANEW. NOW CONGRESS, TOO, MUST UNDERSTAND THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF THE PAST -- AND HELP US FORGE A CERTAIN FUTURE FOR AMERICA.

THE PEOPLE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT REPRESENT THOSE WHO REFUSE TO REST EASY. I LOOK OUT AND SEE SO MUCH REFLECTED IN YOUR FACES -- THE STRENGTH, THE CONVICTION, THE COMMITMENT. YOU REPRESENT THOSE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO USE POWER TO ACHIEVE A GREATER GOOD. I KNOW, BECAUSE YOU'VE BROUGHT ME INTO YOUR HOMES AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS, YOUR SCHOOLS AND YOUR CHURCHES.

LAST YEAR I WALKED THROUGH A RECLAIMED CRACK HOUSE IN KANSAS CITY WITH AL BROOKS, THE LEADER OF AN ANTI-CRIME COALITION. I LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN FIGHT CRIME IN TWO HOURS THAN IN TWO MONTHS OF TV NEWS.

ANOTHER DAY I VISITED D.C. GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND HELD A TINY BOARDER BABY IN MY ARMS, THE CHILD OF A COCAINE ADDICT. THE REMARKABLE DEDICATION OF THE WOMEN WHO RESCUED THESE BABIES WAS JUST AS MOVING. AMERICA NEEDS TO HEAR THAT STORY, TOO.

JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, I DROPPED IN ON A LITTLE WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL IN A TOWN CALLED SLANESVILLE. THE NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEACHES REMEDIAL READING THERE. HER NAME IS RAE ELLEN MCKEE AND SHE'S HERE TONIGHT. VISITING HER GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY TO THE NATION, "THANK GOD FOR OUR TEACHERS".

JUST YESTERDAY I SPOKE BEFORE THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE JAMES H. GROVES ADULT HIGH SCHOOL IN SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE. I INVITED THE CLASS TO JOIN US TONIGHT. I WENT THERE WITH GOVERNOR CASTLE TO HONOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD THE COURAGE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND GET THEIR DIPLOMAS. THEY HONORED US BY TELLING AMERICA TO BE A NATION DEDICATED TO LIFELONG LEARNING.

THESE ARE THE AMERICANS WHO LOVE THIS COUNTRY FOR WHAT IT IS AND FOR WHAT IT CAN BECOME. THESE ARE THE AMERICANS WHO MAKE THIS A NATION OF BOLDNESS -- FILLED WITH PROBLEM SOLVERS -- GIFTED WITH THE AMERICAN TRADITION OF LIVING UP TO OUR IDEALS. THESE ARE THE AMERICANS WHO PROVE THAT NO ONE IN AMERICA IS WITHOUT A GIFT TO GIVE, A SKILL TO SHARE, A HAND TO OFFER.

THIS IS THE GENIUS OF AMERICA -- ORDINARY AMERICANS DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS.

THE CONGRESS CAN REFER OUR PROPOSALS TO ITS HUNDREDS OF COMMITTEES, TIE ITSELF UP WITH DEBATE, AND PRODUCE COMPLICATED, EXPENSIVE UNWORKABLE LEGISLATION. BUT IN THE END WE MUST CARRY FORWARD THE MAGIC OF AMERICA. WE MUST CARRY FORWARD WHAT IS GOOD, AND REACH OUT AND EMBRACE WHAT IS BEST. WE MUST DO THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM. I KNOW YOU HAVE. I KNOW YOU WILL. THROUGH YOU, OUR COUNTRY CAN BECOME AN AMERICA WHOLE AND GOOD. FOR THAT OUR COUNTRY IS GRATEFUL, AND BECAUSE OF THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL PREVAIL.

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① P. 1, #2  
"Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ of Headstart"  
• is story correct?

② P. 7, #2

• were June 12 guests @  
ADA ceremony too?

P. 6 - any luck w/  
finding in the  
beans?

This goes  
in the  
June 12  
"South Lawn/  
100 Days"  
file already  
in the files.

*The Prime Minister.* Roquejoffre. Marvelous.

*The President.* Pretty close, pretty close. But General Schwarzkopf was very high in his praise of him and the way he conducted the French forces, led the French forces.

So, all of that worked out. You remember in the very beginning there were all these predictions with these different countries, that it would be very hard to sort out a proper structure for coordinating them. And it came fine.

*The Prime Minister.* Quite well.

*The President.* Probably better coordinated than the politicians.

*The Prime Minister.* And the idea to—soldiers of both countries under the same command—

*The President.* Now, we've got some business to do, so with all appreciation for this interest and concern, thank you very much.

Helen [Helen Thomas, United Press International], you didn't say a word today.

*Q.* Thanks for not answering any questions.

*The President.* That's all right. You're welcome. [*Laughter*]

*Note: The exchange began at 10 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, President Bush referred to President François Mitterrand of France and Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf.*

**Remarks Announcing the Proposed Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act of 1991**

*March 11, 1991*

Thank you all very much for that warm welcome. Mr. Vice President and Mr. Attorney General; and then the State attorneys general with whom I just met, so many here today; distinguished Members of the United States Congress; other law enforcement officials; and community leaders: Really, it is an honor on this occasion to welcome you all back to the White House.

Last week before Congress I saluted a group of hometown heroes—the finest combat force that this nation has ever as-

sembled—the brave men and women of the United States military. We honored them with our cheers, with our prayers, and come this summer, I'm looking forward to it, because then I think the whole country will honor them again with the biggest 4th of July since the Liberty Bell first rang.

But as I said last week, the real way to honor them is to welcome them back to an America that is worthy of their sacrifice, by joining together with Congress to move forward on the domestic front.

Last month we launched an innovative package designed to assure real opportunity for all Americans. And our veterans deserve to come home to an America of improved schools, better jobs, stronger laws against discrimination, increased homeownership, and families that are healthy and together. And most of all, our veterans deserve to come home to an America where it is safe to walk the streets. Well, we can't do that before they come home, but we can have that on our minds as something we are determined to do.

Economic opportunity is impossible for citizens who cannot be safe and feel safe in their homes, in their schools, in their jobs, and yes, their churches. And that's what I mean when I say a most basic civil right is quite simply the right to be free from fear.

Some of you may remember that shortly after I took office we met with the 50 AG's at the White House. It was 2 years ago almost to the day. And I told you how, a few days earlier, I had gone to New York to meet the family and friends of Everett Hatcher, a brave DEA agent who was gunned down in the street. And they told me that it used to be unthinkable to shoot a cop. But now the culture has changed. And when the bad guys hear the word "police," they just turn around and start shooting. I'll never forget that conversation.

Two months later, on that rainy day on Capitol Hill, we launched an effort to pass our crime legislation, legislation designed to help protect our cops by giving them the tools they need to get their job done. We proposed stiff new penalties for criminals using semiautomatic weapons, an improved exclusionary rule designed to protect the truth and punish the guilty, an habeas corpus reform that would stop frivolous ap-

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peals and ensure that punishment was not only just but also swift and certain, and most of all, it would have finally given us a Federal law to uphold a simple rule of justice: Those who kill must be prepared to pay with their own life.

And today, 2 years later, the Congress has still failed to act on these critical core provisions. And today, 2 years later, another 294 police men and women are dead—294—almost 3 times the number of precious American lives lost during this entire Gulf war. The killings must stop. And it must stop now.

Today, it's time to stand up and be counted. It's time to stand up for what's right. We stood by our troops. And today it's time to stand up for America's prosecutors and police.

Last week, many of you joined together with the Attorney General and me in an unprecedented crime summit, America's first. For 3 days, you freely traded ideas, insights, suggestions, and support. And when I visited that group Tuesday, the mood was contagious. It was powerful and confident and, most of all, driven by a sense of urgency. And so, when it was over, we wasted no time: I told Dick Thornburgh that we wanted the crime bill ready in final form before another week was out. And today, 5 days later, we have it here. Of course, we had a head start. The truth is, the vast majority of these core proposals are identical to those that we sent up 2 years ago.

These fundamental, badly needed reforms have been argued over the years. But the American people are not clamoring for more debate. Today they're demanding action—action to stop violent crime, action that translates to a straight up-or-down vote on these core commonsense proposals. As I said Wednesday night, if our forces could win the ground war in 100 hours, surely the Congress can pass this legislation in 100 days.

Our core proposals have also been strengthened by some potent new additions. These include new laws to protect men and women and children against violence and abuse. And most important of all, they include tough new laws that will protect our people and our police by helping

prosecutors put away America's most violent offenders.

One of the most important of these provisions recognizes that reducing firearms violence must mean exclusionary rule reform. I'm not a lawyer, but I put great stock in common sense. And it never did make sense that, because a policeman has made a mistake, a dangerous criminal can get off scot-free.

The Supreme Court has invited legislative experimentation with direct action to prevent illegal searches and seizures. And so, today I am announcing that we are accepting that invitation. Our plan would authorize the Attorney General to develop alternative administrative sanctions for any Federal agent who improperly seizes a gun in violation of the fourth Amendment. Once these protections were in place, firearms in serious drug, violent, and certain other cases would always be admissible in certain Federal cases involving armed felons. It is simply intolerable that these armed criminals should go free when good solid evidence is available.

Our message is simple: The time to act is now. The time to schedule congressional hearings is now. The Attorney General is ready to testify now. And most of the other experts needed are probably right here in the East Room now.

So, looking out here today, I see a group of principled, all-American heroes whose dedication at home matches that of our people overseas. Heroes like Attorney General Mike Moore of Mississippi, who stood with us in the Rose Garden last fall and described the terrible ordeal, due to current habeas rules, in which victims and their families can never draw the curtains on tragic murders and rapes. Heroes like Louisiana's district attorney, Richard Ieyoub, who called the efforts to gut last year's crime bill a major fraud on the American people—the one that, for all practical purposes, would have shut down the death penalty in the 37 States where it now exists. Heroes like Dan Lundgren, California's new AG, whose miracle end run in Congress in '84 produced some of the most far-reaching criminal law reforms in our nation's history.

Mike and Richard, we are on a 100-day clock. And we hope you and your col-

leagues are ready to roll up your sleeves again today. And Dan, we're hoping you can lend your magic to the cause once more. Because this week marks the anniversary of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List. And I'm here to tell you that this new crime bill is on America's most wanted list of pressing national business.

And as I said last fall, America's prosecutors will not accept a phony crime bill that is tougher on law enforcement than it is on criminals. No more loopholes; no more rolls of the dice. I urge the Congress to heed the voices of our people, our police, our prosecutors, and help us take back the streets. Together, let's act on this crime bill now.

Thank you all very, very much for coming. Good luck. May God bless our country. And now I'll put a signature to both of these documents. Thank you very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:40 a.m. in the East Room of the White House.*

### Message to the Congress Transmitting the Proposed Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act of 1991 March 11, 1991

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to transmit this Administration's primary legislative initiative addressing the continuing threat of violent crime in this country. This proposal, entitled the "Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act of 1991," contains a broad spectrum of critically needed reforms to the criminal justice system, as well as new offenses and penalties for various acts of life-threatening criminal behavior. Also transmitted is a section-by-section analysis. I urge that congressional action on this initiative be completed within the next 100 days.

The enormous danger posed by violent criminals in our midst today is totally unacceptable. In 1990, more than 20,000 Americans were murdered. Our citizens are rightly demanding that elected officials act with resolve to reduce substantially the threat violent crime poses to their families and communities. The dramatic victory

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achieved by our military forces in the Persian Gulf serves as a model for what can be accomplished by leaders and citizens committed to achieving a common goal. It is time for all Americans to work together to take back the streets and liberate our neighborhoods from the tyranny of fear.

This legislative package is designed to address comprehensively the failures of the current criminal justice system. There must be a clear understanding on the streets of America that anyone who threatens the lives of others will be held accountable. To this end, it is essential that we have swift and certain apprehension, prosecution, and incarceration. Too many times, in too many cases, criminals go free because the scales of justice are unfairly loaded against dedicated law enforcement officials.

The core elements of my proposal are:

- *Restoration of the Federal Death Penalty* by establishing constitutionally sound procedures and adequate standards for imposing Federal death penalties that are already on the books (including mail bombing and murder of Federal officials); and authorizing the death penalty for drug kingpins and for certain heinous acts such as terrorist murders of American nationals abroad, killing of hostages, and murder for hire.
- *Habeas Corpus Reform* to stop the often frivolous and repetitive appeals that clog our criminal justice system and in many cases effectively nullify State death penalties, by limiting the ability of Federal and State prisoners to file repetitive habeas corpus petitions.
- *Exclusionary Rule Reform* to limit the release of violent criminals due to legal technicalities by permitting the use of evidence that has been seized by Federal or State law enforcement officials acting in "good faith," or a firearm seized from dangerous criminals by a Federal law enforcement officer. This proposal also includes a system for punishing Federal officers who violate Fourth Amendment standards, as well as a means for compensating victims of unlawful searches.
- *Increased Firearms Offenses and Penalties* including a 10-year mandatory



tional trauma as well. Their self-confidence is shaken; their sense of security shattered.

Since 1982, when the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime helped to focus greater public attention on the rights and needs of these individuals, great progress has been made in efforts to assist crime victims and their families. Indeed, a nationwide movement led by thousands of concerned citizens—many of them crime victims themselves—has helped to promote timely restitution and healing for victims of crime. Working at the grass-roots level to provide counseling and support, a wide range of professionals and volunteers are helping these individuals to recover what losses they can and to reclaim their sense of dignity and security.

Nearly every State, as well as the Federal Government, has passed legislation to ensure the fair treatment of crime victims. The Crime Control Act of 1990 set forth, for the first time, a Federal Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. Forty-five States also have a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights to ensure that victims' needs are considered during criminal proceedings.

Almost every State, as well as the Federal Government, also supports programs to compensate and to assist victims of crime. These programs are financed, for the most part, not by innocent taxpayers, but by convicted offenders through criminal fines and penalties.

Recognizing the suffering of victims and their families, we are also committed at the Federal level to crime prevention. Earlier this year I proposed the Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act of 1991, which, if enacted, will strengthen our Nation's criminal justice system and ensure that those who threaten the lives of others are held accountable for their actions. We must also continue to educate the public about ways to minimize their risk of victimization.

Through public and private efforts at the national, State, and local level, we are making great strides in the fight against crime and in the effort to ensure fair, compassionate treatment of victims and their families. This week, let us gratefully recognize all those who work, often as volunteers, in behalf of crime victims: law enforcement officers, health care professionals, attorneys, counselors, members of the

clergy, and countless other concerned citizens. Let us also honor all those who are working to win the fight against crime and reaffirm our determination to uphold America's promise of liberty and justice for all.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 16, has designated the week of April 21 through April 27, 1991, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

**Now, Therefore, I, George Bush**, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 through April 27, 1991, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. I urge all Americans to join in honoring those who work in behalf of crime victims and their families. I also encourage all Americans to learn about ways that they can help to prevent crime and to assist its victims in their communities.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

**George Bush**

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**Remarks at a White House Ceremony  
for the Observance of National Crime  
Victims' Rights Week**

**April 22, 1991**

Welcome to the White House. A while ago it seemed a little warm, and now I don't know what's happened to us. But I'm delighted to be here, and I'm also very pleased to welcome all of you to the Rose Garden, very pleased to be with the Attorney General, who is doing an outstanding job in this area—many areas, but this one that brings us together in expressing our concern in trying to help the victims of crime. I'm pleased to see so many Members

of the House and the Senate here with us today. We welcome you all.

I'm glad to see Jane Burnley, the Director of the Office for the Victims of Crime. And also Mayor Daley, from Chicago, honoring us, who's been long interested in this. Rich, welcome, sir, to the White House. And I want to thank the State legislators as well who are with us.

Over the past couple of years, 2 years, we've traveled across the country praising those involved in service to others. And our crime victims effort is a very special part of that tradition. Shortly after I took office, the Attorney General invited 1989's honorees to meet me in the Oval Office. A year ago this week, we gathered here in the Rose Garden to salute the 1990 honorees. And moments ago, I signed a proclamation declaring this National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

And now it is again a privilege to stand with a new group of honorees and salute you not only as Points of Light, helping other people, but also as points of courage.

Ladies and gentlemen, standing before you are seven good Americans who simply refused to surrender, seven good Americans who won against the odds, representing seven good reasons why our efforts for crime victims will continue to triumph and to grow.

Far too often, for too many years, victims of crime became the forgotten people, subjected to continued victimization by the system itself. Then people like Virginia's Frank Carrington, rightly regarded as one of the founding fathers of the movement, stepped into the breach. They fought back. They got involved. And they proved to America that one man or one woman can make a difference.

Maybe you heard about this 11-year-old girl up in Alaska. She tried to help when her mom was attacked at home just after Christmas. The assailant got away, but not without the girl showing the police where the man left his fingerprints. And 10 weeks went by without a lead. And then the girl spotted the accused at a convenience store. And she didn't hide. She didn't run away. She called the police, and then, unbelievably, she grabbed a neighbor and chased this man down the street. And when the

police made the arrest she was holding onto his hair for all she was worth. True story.

Like a real-life version of the gutsy child in "Home Alone," Diana Bowles stood up for family, stood up against crime, and stood up to be counted when the chips were down. Like the seven all-American heroes we honor today, she symbolizes a new America where people refuse to be the victims anymore.

And I think of pioneers like California's Gail—this one's a tough one—Abarbanel and Jayne Crisp, of South Carolina. A generation ago, a continent apart, each of these two women helped cultivate the grassroots effort to assist the victims of rape. Out of efforts like these, America came to understand a simple truth: that every victim of every crime deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion.

Over the past decade, community efforts like those represented here have been backed up by a new partnership with the White House and America's cities and States. While the crime bill I signed last year fell far short of the effective criminal justice reform that I had sought, it did create the first-ever Federal crime victims bill of rights. It gave the Justice Department enhanced authority to ensure that the system treats crime victims fairly. And it contains new measures to protect child victims and witnesses.

Working with Congress, we not only reauthorized the 1984 Victims of Crime Act, we also boosted its annual Victims Compensation and Assistance Fund to \$150 million—dollars that came not from taxpayers but from criminals' fines and penalties. We stepped up efforts to fully implement the Victim-Witness Protection Act and the new Victims' Rights and Restitution Act. And there's probably no better model of their success than one of today's honorees, Nancy Stoner Lampy, our victim-witness coordinator in South Dakota, an outstanding advocate for Native American crime victims.

We've made real gains. But many challenges remain. Two of today's honorees can help point the way: California's John Gillis and Tennessee's Barbara Reed. They've both made their mark fighting for tougher laws. They know the real way to help the

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crime victims of tomorrow is by taking dangerous criminals off the streets today.

Almost exactly 1 year ago, on this same occasion, I stood here and called on the Congress to enact our full range of tough new anticrime proposals. Regrettably, most of them never made it back to my desk in there. And we've got to do better. Each day that passes is 1 too many. Each victim lost is more than we can afford.

Our Violent Crime Control Act of 1991 contains a wealth of new proposals that support the growing national concern for innocent victims of all crimes. And it includes new protections for witnesses and abused kids, new rules to enhance the Federal prosecutions of sexual violence involving children, mandatory HIV testing of accused sex offenders, and it guarantees a victim's right to address the court at sentencing. Just as important, our crime bill proposes bold new reforms of habeas corpus appeals, the exclusionary rule, and the death penalty. These three reforms are based on three simple and fundamental virtues: First, that victims should not have to endure endless years of frivolous appeals; second, that victims have an interest in knowing that courts will consider all relevant evidence when deciding guilt or innocence; and third, that victims and survivors have an interest in knowing that the punishment imposed will be commensurate with the brutality of the crime.

Seven weeks ago I put a challenge to Congress, and I said: If our forces could win the ground war in 100 hours, then surely the Congress can pass this legislation in 100 days. The clock is running. America wants it done right, and America wants it done responsibly, and, in my view, America wants it done now.

I've saved one honoree for last. She's Josephine Bass, who founded a shelter in Chicago for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. It's called the Neopolitan Lighthouse. And I like the symbolism. Like each of you, a lighthouse shines through the storm and gives hope at night. And like each of you, it is a beacon to hundreds of others, an immovable light by which to chart one's course to safety. And like each of you, it is proof that each Point of Light matters. Each time your message

gets through can mean one life changed and another life saved.

Together, let's pledge to take back our streets. Congratulations to all of you. Congratulations to the winners. And thanks to all of you, and may God bless our great country. Thank you very much.

*[At this point, the awards were presented.]*

May we invite the Members of Congress to come up and congratulate our winners.

*Note: The President spoke at 2:11 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.*

### Proclamation 6276—National Arbor Day, 1991

April 22, 1991

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation

America's forests are an integral part of the global ecosystem and one of this Nation's greatest natural resources. Providing generations of Americans with lumber, fuel, and with many other valuable materials, these magnificent lands have helped us to build a strong and prosperous Nation. The natural habitat for many forms of wildlife, they have also provided watershed protection and grazing range. Yet these lands have provided more than tangible goods essential for survival—the sublime beauty and serenity of our forests have also refreshed the spirits of many a visitor.

As important as the Nation's forests have been to us and to our ancestors, we have not always used them with commensurate care. Indeed, it was only a little more than 100 years ago that Americans began to realize that the heavy demand for wood products was depleting the Nation's trees at an alarming rate.

In 1872, to dramatize the need to replenish America's dwindling tree supply, concerned residents of Nebraska observed the first Arbor Day. Julius Sterling Morton, the prominent Nebraska politician who later became our third Secretary of Agriculture,

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Thank you, good evening. Members of the Cabinet, honored guests. Dr. Benjamin Payton of Tuskegee Institute who brings a lifelong commitment to our Historically Black Colleges, welcome. ~~Coca Cola Chairman Roberto Goizueta, who combines executive leadership with community leadership,~~ welcome. Our own White House fellow and winner of the Distinguished Disabled American Award, welcome to you, sir. Governors \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, . To \_\_\_\_\_ of the D.C. Central Kitchen and the over sixty other Points of Light who are here tonight, your work inspires the nation. And to the rest of this extraordinary gathering -- leaders of businesses, associations, volunteer organizations, education partnerships, and all those who make America the land of opportunity, welcome to the White House.

[ I might add that also with us is Anthony Henderson, a youngster from Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia. You may recall that when I visited his class, Anthony's the one who asked me to prove I was the President. I had to show him my American Express Card. Anthony, now do you believe me?]

Over the past thirty months, the world has changed at a dramatic pace. America has been called upon to meet one challenge after another. **And meet them we did -- each and every one of them. From Panama, to Eastern Europe, to the Persian Gulf, our country stands strong as a champion of freedom for all.**

Ninety-eight days ago, I asked Congress to tackle the urgent problems on the home front with the same energy we dedicated to tackling the crisis on the battlefield. I spelled out all my

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domestic priorities -- setting out an ambitious agenda founded upon economic growth, investing in our future, and providing opportunity to all Americans. I provided to the Congress literally thousands of recommendations for legislative change. Then I specifically asked that Congress pass just two laws in a hundred days -- a comprehensive anti-crime bill, and a transportation bill. **It is now clear that neither will be on my desk by Friday.** So tonight, I want to put the failure of our legislative system in perspective.

It is hard for the American people to understand why a bill to fight crime cannot be enacted in a hundred days; or why Congress can't pass a highway bill in a hundred days. Most Americans believe fear of crime and violence threatens our most basic freedoms -- denies us opportunity. They also believe we must invest in our future -- provide an infrastructure for those who come after us. So they don't understand the complication, the inaction, the bickering -- particularly when so many do understand what it takes to solve problems in their own neighborhoods: conviction, compassion, and courage.

I cannot fully explain to the American people the breakdown of the legislative system. But I can say this as partial consolation: America's problem-solving does not begin or end with the Congress. If we waited for Congressional approval to act decisively against aggression in the Persian Gulf, **we would still be waiting. We didn't wait, and now Kuwait is free.**

Yes, it would help if Congress would do what we ask and need. But we cannot let its inaction discourage or deter us from meeting our responsibilities.

Tonight, gathered under the twilight shadow of Washington's Monument, are many extraordinary Americans, representing thousands of others. If you will permit me, I'd like to share some of your successes with the rest of America because you bring to life the genius of the American spirit. Together we can transform America, and create communities everywhere that are whole and good. Tonight I am asking all Americans to lead the way.

A great nation has the courage to be honest about itself. And we are a great nation. I believe that absolutely, as do you. We are indisputably the world's most powerful force for freedom and economic growth. Still, no one can deny that we have enormous challenges. Not all Americans are living the American Dream. Many can't even imagine it.

There are impoverished Americans, the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the hopeless, many unable to read and write. There are Americans gone astray, the kids dragged down by drugs, the shattered families, the teenage mothers struggling to cope. Then there are Americans uneasy, troubled and bewildered by the dizzying pace of change.

For many years I have crisscrossed this nation. As President, part of my job -- an exciting part -- is going to small towns and big cities, schools, neighborhoods and

playgrounds, factories, farms, and fields. Those are the places where you find out what's good and right about our country -- and what's going wrong, too.

**The state of our nation is the state of our communities. As our communities flourish, our nation will flourish. So we must seek a nation of whole communities, a nation of good communities -- an America, Whole and Good.**

What defines such a community? First, it is one that cares for the needs of its young people by building character -- values and good habits for life. Second, it's a community that provides excellent schools -- schools that spark a lifelong interest in learning. Next, there is opportunity and hope -- rooted in the dignity of work, and reward for achievement. Fourth, it's where people care about their health and their environment -- and where a sense of well-being and belonging is nurtured within its people. Finally, all of its neighborhoods are decent and safe.

Because thousands of Americans have chosen to lead the way, these are not just dreams. Thousands of communities like this flourish in America -- communities where people like you and me have achieved the American Dream. We should never lose sight of that. **America is the most prosperous and productive, educated and enlightened nation on earth -- a nation that can do anything. And we can make it even better.**

We should be confident about what lies ahead. America has a track record of success -- success shaped with our own hands. Sometimes, in our impatience, we've made mistakes --but when we

do, we dust ourselves off, and go at it again. We have always acted out of a conviction to do what's right. Every American should take pride in this country's fundamental goodness. Each of us must resolve in our own hearts that for all the good we've done, it's time to do better, much, much better.

Conventional wisdom in our day once held that all solutions were in the hands of government: call in the best and brightest and hand over the keys to the national treasury. Bigger government was better government: compassion measured in dollars and cents; progress by price tag. We tried that course. As we entered the eighties -- our economy strangling on inflation, interest rates, and unemployment -- America turned away from government as "the answer".

So conventional wisdom then turned to the genius of the free market. We began a decade of exceptional economic growth -- and created twenty million new jobs. Yet, our streets are still not safe, our schools have lost their edge, and millions still trudge the path of poverty. There is more to be done; and the marketplace alone can't solve all our problems.

Is the harsh lesson that there must always be those that are left behind? America must have but one answer. The answer is No. There is a better way, one that combines our efforts -- those of a government properly defined, the marketplace properly understood, and service to others properly fulfilled. This is the way to build an America Whole and Good.

It requires all three forces of our national life. First, it requires the power of the free market; second, a competent compassionate government; third, the ethic of serving others -- what I call Points of Light. These three powerful forces create the conditions communities that are whole and good -- and it's time we harnessed all of them to transform America. ✓?

In our complex democracy, power is fragmented. That can be frustrating. But on balance it's for the good. And power tends to move toward those who serve the greater good.

It belongs in the hands of entrepreneurs, like John Bryant, a young old self-starter who has built a multimillion dollar enterprise and now helps rebuild inner city Los Angeles; in the hands of [government], in the hands of Mack Stolarski, a retired carpenter who now helps his student apprentices repair homes for the poor and disabled.

What so much of the world can only covet, we take for granted: food on the shelves of our supermarkets, and at our shopping centers, cutting-edge, quality products of infinite variety. Nothing can beat the free market at generating good jobs at decent wages, in healthy and safe workplaces.

The good news is that the free market is now applying its resources, creativity, and know-how, to our social problems. Many companies, recognizing that tomorrow's workers are today's students, are leaders of a revolution in American education -- partners in our Education 2000 strategy. Others are crusaders

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for environmental protection, while still others are innovators from health care to child care.

But the market can only go so far by itself. To transform America, government needs to be dynamic as well. To be the instrument of the people -- the government of Jefferson and Lincoln and Roosevelt -- and the embodiment of their vision -- it must truly be a force for good.

I believe in this kind of government -- a government of compassion and competence. And I believe in backing up that commitment with action. Here tonight, for example, is Mrs. Lauren Floyd, one of the first Head Start graduates. Now, she teaches preschoolers in that same marvelous program. Her success is why we expanded Head Start by \$0. And <sup>last year (7 mos.)</sup> [a year ago] I signed our child care bill to make child care available to those that the market cannot reach. We fought for a Clean Air Act that puts the free market in the service of the environment -- and we succeeded. The Americans with Disabilities Act has brought a new opportunities to our nation's disabled -- leaders of the disability community like Justin Dart and Evan Kemp were right here when I signed it. I see they are here tonight. Jack Kemp and I stood with Mrs. Ramona Younger in Charles Houston Community Center in Alexandria, Virginia -- where public housing tenants are becoming America's newest homeowners. Our crime bill will help make America's neighborhoods safe.\*\*\* And if we get the kind of civil rights bill that I sent to the Congress, we will take a dramatic step against the blight of bigotry and

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discrimination. This is not big government -- **this is good government. And it too leads to communities whole and good.**

Finally, along with the forces of the free market and the government we must add the ethic of voluntary service -- Points of Light. That is not a phrase about charity. It is about the light that is within us all -- as the verse of Randy Travis <sup>goes!</sup> ~~sings~~ says, "a ray of hope in the darkest nights". Its light can brighten the lives of others -- and make the lives of those who shine it, complete as well. ✓

Points of Light is a call to every American to serve another in need. But no one of us can solve big problems like drug abuse or poverty by ourselves. Only the **combined brilliance** from every school, every business, place of worship, club, group, and organization in every community can dissolve the darkness.

Whether a company holds an after-hours literacy program for its workers, a police station counsels for tough kids, or third graders phone homebound senior citizens, **Points of light tell those in need that their lives matter.** When Points of Light join with the power of government and the power of the marketplace we can truly overwhelm stubborn social problems. **This** is how we must guarantee the next American Century. Every person, every business, every school board -- our associations, our clubs, our churches -- **we all have the duty to lead.** ✓

**Only then, can we truly think and act anew. Think of the opportunity before us -- to re-invent America. Congress too must**

speaking in territory claimed by drug dealers garage 9 Mad Dads patrol the killing grounds of their streets, going out w/ rotary bat "a radio conno, prayer"

now understand the successes and failures of the past -- and help us forge the strongest future this world can imagine.

The people gathered here tonight represent those who refuse to rest easy. I look out and see so much reflected in your faces -- the strength, the conviction, the commitment. You represent those millions of Americans who use power to inspire a greater good. I know, because you've brought me into your homes and your neighborhoods, your schools and your churches.

Ad Hoc Group Against Crime

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Last year I walked through reclaimed blocks in Kansas City with a group of men called Mad Dads. I learned more about how our nation fights crime in two hours than in two months of TV news.

Bob + Advance

X X Al Brooks, leader of an anti crime coalition

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In \_\_\_\_\_, I visited D.C. General Hospital, and held a tiny boarder baby in my arms, the child of a cocaine addict.

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The remarkable dedication of the women who rescued these babies was just as moving. America needs to hear that story, too.

Time, 9-18-89, p32  
WPost, 9-7-89, p3

Just a few months ago, I dropped in on a little West Virginia school in a town called Slanesville. The National Teacher of the Year teaches remedial reading there. Her name is Rae Ellen McKee. Visiting her gave me the opportunity to say to the nation, thank God for our teachers. [I'm proud she's here tonight.]

Teacher of the Year speech file

Just yesterday I spoke before the graduating class of the James H. Groves Adult High School of Sussex County, Delaware. Governor Mike Castle [nice to see you Mike] and I went there to honor those who had the courage to go back to school and get

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their diploma. They honored us by saying to America, we must be a nation dedicated to lifelong learning.

These are the Americans who love this country for what it is and for what it can become. These are the Americans who make this a nation of boldness -- filled with problem solvers -- gifted with the American tradition of living up to our ideals. These are the Americans who prove that no one in America is without a gift to give, a skill to share, a hand to offer.

This is the genius of America -- ordinary Americans doing extraordinary things.

This is the genius we must carry forward. We must carry forward what is good, and reach out and embrace what is best. I know you will. I know you have. Through you, your country can become an America Whole and Good. For that your country is grateful, and for that your country will endure.

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