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**PRESIDENT CLINTON CONVENES NATIONAL STRATEGY SESSION TO ADDRESS
EDUCATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING HISPANIC AMERICANS**

May XX, 2000

President Clinton will announce today that the White House and the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans will host a strategy session on educational issues impacting Hispanic students on June 15. The session will bring together leaders from the educational community, the Hispanic community, the private sector, and community based and philanthropic organizations to discuss the educational challenges facing Hispanic Americans and effective strategies to address these issues. Hispanic students are the fastest growing student group in the United States however their academic attainment lags behind other students. Economically, the United States cannot afford to ignore this issue. The President will challenge the nation to a course of action to address these issues and ensure that all students receive a high quality education that enables them to succeed in the information economy.

NATIONAL GOALS FOR HISPANIC EDUCATION

At the all-day strategy session the President will announce national goals challenging the nation to a comprehensive ten-year effort to improve educational opportunities for Hispanic students. The President will point out that economically, the nation cannot afford to allow the achievement gap between Hispanic students and other students to persist. Participants in the strategy session will discuss effective ways to reach the goals and the role that the public sector, private sector, and philanthropic community should play to address these issues. In addition, model practices from different sectors will be highlighted. The President will also release a new U.S. Department of Education study on the current educational condition of Hispanics. The goals will serve as a framework for national, state, and local action and accountability on this issue. Later this year, a key group of stakeholders from the private and philanthropic sectors will host a national summit to build an action agenda around this framework.

STRATEGY SESSION TO BUILD ON PREVIOUS EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In August of 1999, the First Lady hosted the first White House Convening on Latino youth, seeking to draw attention to the needs of the Latino community and emphasize the importance of ensuring that every child meets his or her full potential. Over 200 community leaders, foundation and private sector representatives joined federal agency personnel to discuss achievement for Latino youth. The strategy session the President will announce today will build on the Convening by committing the nation to national goals and highlighting successful public, private, and philanthropic undertakings to improve the quality of education for Hispanic students. During the past 7 years the President and Vice-President have worked to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans and Hispanic students by raising standards, investing in what works and increasing accountability. The Administration proposed and won funding increases for a Hispanic Education Action Plan in the FY 1999 budget. As part of this plan, the President and Vice President proposed significant increases in a number of programs that enhance educational opportunity for Hispanic Americans. The final FY 2000 budget agreement included \$436 million in increases for programs that help to improve the educational outcomes of Latinos and limited English proficient students, including Title I grants to LEAs, Adult Education, Bilingual Education, and TRIO. In addition the President and Vice President created the successful GEAR-UP program which helps middle school students become aware of educational opportunities after high school and begin to plan for them. For Fiscal Year 2001 the Clinton-Gore balanced budget proposes a \$823 million increase for the Hispanic Education Action plan.

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In addition to Dolly Gee, the groups made it clear yesterday that they want more talk & action on Kathleen McCree Lewis (Af Am Wmn for 6th/Michigan -- featured in Detroit address) & Alan Snyder (wh male D.C. Circuit nominee who has lots of involvement in school deseg & other civ rights issues).

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CITE: 34 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 819**LENGTH:** 2598 words**HEADLINE:** Remarks to the **Arab** American Institute Conference**BODY:**

Thank you, Jim. To Elie Abbound and Fuad Ateyeh, all the members of the Arab American Institute, the National Arab American Business Association, Palestinian American Congress; to Prince Bandar and the members of the Diplomatic Corps -- all of you, thank you for coming. My fellow Americans: I like getting advice from Jim Zogby's mother. *[Laughter]* And she has a remarkable read on the world. Her son, John, a renowned pollster, has nothing on her. In fact, I think her numbers are better than his for me sometimes. *[Laughter]* I also want to say a special word of appreciation to Jim for his advice over the years. He is a remarkable voice for calm and clarity, no matter how heated the issues. But I can tell you, he is one of the most forceful, intense, and brutally honest people who ever come to the White House to see me. And you should be proud of that.

I understand that I am the first sitting President to address an Arab-American conference. *[Applause]* Thank you. I see Congressman Moran in the audience; he came here so the Irish would not be alone at the podium. And I thank him for that. *[Laughter]*

I'm honored to be the first President, but I'm surprised, frankly, and also a little disappointed, because the Arab-American community has made an enormous contribution to this country with basic values that made us great: love of family and belief in hard work and personal responsibility, and a passionate devotion to education, which I hope we will see engulf every single ethnic group in America today.

I congratulate you on the way you have found your voice, on speaking out on a wide range of domestic issues and not just on the questions involving the Middle East. A record number of Arab-Americans are now running for and serving in public office, including the United States Congress. But even the newest Yemeni immigrants, once poor farmers, are now small-business owners, achieving their rightful share of the American dream.

I wanted to talk with you very briefly tonight about how we can work together at home and around the world at the end of this century to prepare for the challenges and the staggering opportunities of the one about to dawn.

First, we must help all Americans see our diversity as our greatest strength. People ask me from time to time why I feel so passionately, about this, and they assume, rightly, it's partly, maybe largely, because I'm a southerner and I grew up with the old and still unfinished business between black and white Americans. But I also grew up in a very unusual town for the South. My hometown had only 35,000 people, but it was a national park and a place with healing hot waters, and we had all kinds

of people coming there to retire. So here I was a little boy growing up in the South in a town that had two synagogues -- 35,000 people -- we had two synagogues, a Greek Orthodox Church, a huge Czech community, a Lithuanian community, and just about somebody from everywhere.

But my attitudes about Arab-Americans were first formed because I was good friends with a young immigrant named David Zorab who came to my home State after he was orphaned and grew up to become the valedictorian of my high school class. And he went on to become a brilliant physician in Pennsylvania. And I suppose that I always wanted all Americans to enjoy the kind of life I had as a child. And yet, a lot of people around me didn't have that life, because they were imprisoned by their own prejudices. We have to free this country of all those prejudices.

I know it is true that Arab-Americans still feel the sting of being stereotyped in false ways. I have done what I could to warn against that. The saddest encounter, I suppose, was when we went through the heart-breaking experience of Oklahoma City, and many people were quick to rush to judgment. And I remember that terrible day when I urged the American people not to do so.

I am very grateful not only to Jim but to others among you who have been an active part of my race initiative. And I'm very pleased that you're now working with Jewish-Americans and members of several European ethnic groups to organize I think six regional forums on race and diversity around our Nation over the coming year.

These sorts of things don't often make headlines in the news today because they work; therefore, they are not sufficiently contentious. And when there is no blood on the floor at the end of the meeting, they are often considered not newsworthy. They are profoundly important. And I believe that there is a deeper hunger among Americans of all kinds to discuss these matters in an honest and open way than even most of us appreciate.

I was amazed, I just got a letter from ESPN. They sponsored sort of a town hall on race the other night with athletes and coaches and others. And I think they were truly astonished because they had about the same viewership as they do for a pro basketball game. And moreover, the viewership picked up as the program went on, so the channel surfers saw it and decided they ought to hang on for a while. So I would encourage you to continue that. Don't let any American have the misfortune of never having known an Arab-American. You can do that if you try.

The second thing we have to do is keep working until we bring the spark of enterprise and opportunity to every corner of the Nation. It may be hard to believe, since we have the lowest unemployment rate in 28 years and the lowest inflation rate in over 30 years and the highest homeownership in the history of the country and a record number of small business starts in the last 5 years, including those started by many Arab-Americans, but not every American has had the chance to reap the rewards of this remarkable prosperity. You understand clearly the power and the dignity that comes from being able to earn a living to support a family. We have to bring this kind of opportunity throughout America. I have put before the Congress several proposals to close the opportunity gaps, empowerment zones, community development financial institutions, housing and other development initiatives. I hope they will be positively acted upon this year, and I ask you for your support.

The third thing we have to do is to build the world's finest education system. We have done so with our universities, and we are blessed to have people not only of all different races and ethnic groups in America attend them but people from all over the world. But no one would seriously assert that we had today the finest system of elementary and secondary education, and yet it is more important than every before.

A couple of days ago, I had a fascinating conversation with the head of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, and we were talking about the phenomenal prosperity our country is enjoying and the number of the developments around the world. And he said, "You know, we really are completely now engulfed by an economy based on ideas." He said that there is an interesting measure of the total physical output of a country compared to its wealth. And he said our total physical output in terms of mass is hardly increased at all, while the stock market and our national wealth has

exploded, because we have an economy based on ideas. In such an economy it is unforgivable neglect to permit children to grow up and go through the school system and not be able to participate in that economy because their minds have not developed to the point where they can. And it is not necessary.

Again, I have laid before the Congress a number of proposals that will make education our number one priority and result in dramatic improvements of our schools, smaller classes, better teaching, higher standards, expanded choice, more discipline, greater accountability.

Today I met with a group of mayors who endorsed my proposal to end social promotion but to increase the amount of help we're giving to children who are having trouble in school, more after-school help, more summer schools, more support. In Chicago, where they are now requiring children who don't make the grade to go to summer school, they're seeing children in summer school gain as much as 2 years in reading and mathematics capacity, just in one intense summer effort.

So again I say to you -- so many of you know you are the living proof that education is the key to opportunity. Just across the river from here, in Fairfax County, we have a school district with children from 180 different national and ethnic groups whose native languages number in excess of 100. Now, I think that's a good thing. I think that is a great thing for America in a global society. But you can only imagine what will happen if they're all well-educated, and unfortunately, you can only imagine what will happen if vast numbers of them are not well-educated.

So think about what brought you all here tonight and how you came to be here. And we have to do this. We have to do it. The Federal Government, the President, can only do so much. Parents have to do a lot; teachers have to do a lot; the kids have to do the most. But we owe it to them, as a society, to provide educational opportunity second to none and to make sure that every child's mind has a chance to be developed.

Now, the fourth thing that we have to do is to continue as Americans to lead the world toward peace and freedom. If we can set an example and live together across all the lines that divide us, not simply respecting but actually celebrating our differences and honoring them -- not tolerating them but honoring them -- we clearly have a responsibility to do that elsewhere.

Now that the cold war is over and people are not being drawn like magnets to two different economic and political systems, it is natural that people would re-examine the premises on which they are organized and on which the govern themselves. It is, I suppose, natural -- at least it is predictable -- that we would even have a resurgence of destructive ethnic impulses, as we have seen in Bosnia, as we see in Kosovo even tonight, in other parts of the world; as we saw in the tragedy where somewhere between 700,000 and a million people were killed in Rwanda in the short space of 100 days, and without weapons of mass destruction, so that it had to be done in the grizzliest, most inhumane way.

But we can do better. In Northern Ireland, representatives of all the major parties have reached an historic agreement that I hope and pray will be ratified by the voters of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in just a few days. I think all of us, and especially all of you, should take a special measure of pride that those talks in Northern Ireland were chaired by George Mitchell, the former majority leader, who is, of course, also of Lebanese descent.

Today, I met with members of a group of Irish people who had all lost sons, or husbands, or brothers in the Troubles. They are now working to help each other and others like them work for peace, both inner peace and peace among the Irish. And I suppose, in every part of the world, you can hardly have one without the other.

We are now also, as all of you know, working very hard to regain the momentum for peace in the Middle East. The last year has been so frustrating for the people of the Middle East, so frustrating for the peace-loving people in the Palestinian areas and in Israel, that it's easy to forget how far we have come in the last few years. We've had the Oslo Accords, the Washington peace signing in September of '93, the Hebron agreement, unprecedented security cooperation, the open dialog that had been

established; all these things were quite important. They have brought the possibility of peace closer than ever before. All I'm trying to do is to regain that momentum. We have an opportunity to get this process moving again and to move forward.

It has been my experience in life -- and I've lived long enough now to see it -- that in almost every area of human endeavor, opportunities do not last forever; they must be seized. And I hope this one will be seized. Difficult choices have been made -- will have to be made -- by Palestinians and Israelis alike. And we cannot impose a solution because we -- even you -- will not have to live out the consequences. But we must -- we must -- try to help find enough common ground to return to the dialog. Keep in mind, what we are trying to do is to get the parties over a hurdle so they can get into these final status talks, so we can stay on the timetable established a few years ago by both the Palestinians and the Israelis to finish the whole thing by this month next year. Now, I am sending Ambassador Dennis Ross back to Israel tonight to go the extra mile to help the parties seize this opportunity.

All of you know what invaluable benefits peace can bring to the people of the region. All of you know how much suffering has been undergone by people because of the absence of peace. All of you know how much extra suffering has been borne every time there is an interruption of normalcy. We have got to get this done. I am doing the very best I can, and I know you are, too.

I have given a lot of thought to what makes people get into downward spirals. We see it in horrible terms when violence occurs and life is lost, not just in the Middle East but anyplace -- in Bosnia, where we were able to end a war, in other places. We see it in less violent ways when people in positions of public responsibility get into a downward spiral of destructive attempts to hurt each other for political reasons that have no larger public purpose.

We all have to struggle every day. I used to tell my daughter when she was at home that it's almost like all of us get up every day with an inner scale inside, with lightness and constructive, positive behavior on one side and all our darkest fears on the other. And the scales are always shifting in balance, and every day you have to get up and push the scale down on the right side. We all have to fight it. And when I get very discouraged about it, and I think, well, we're all just going to run up against a dead end, I try to remember the examples of people who have overcome more than I can imagine. I'll never forget the first time I talked to Nelson Mandela about how he actually made himself overcome his hatred of his oppressors so that he could wait and endure 27 long years until he could bring it all together. And he said, "You know, they took a lot from me when I was in prison. I never saw my children grow up. I lost my personal life. I was brutalized. I was humiliated. Finally, it occurred to me they could take everything away from me but my mind and my heart. Those things I would have to give away. I decided not to give them away."

I ask you to remain resolute and to remain passionate but always to be large. Do not give away the best part of your own lives. Do not give away the best part of your hopes. We will prevail.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:35 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Elie Abboud, president, National Arab American Business Association; Fuad Ateyeh, president, Arab American Congress; Prince Bandar bin Sultan bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States; James J. Zogby, president, Arab American Institute, and John J. Zogby, president, Zogby International, and their mother, Celia Zogby; and President Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

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I think you should take what he said on judges at the naacp detroit event--and there was something else he did recently where he really hit on the moreno and on the seventh cir--should check with Sarah Wilson if there are any new nominees we can talk about or any new confirmations--should talk about Dolly Gee for the central dist of califor--hope this helps
Joshua S. Gottheimer



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maria, do you have an opinion about the way we should discuss minority judicial appointments this evening? (moreno, etc.). thanks, josh



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Josh & I spoke re. speech & he has new stats. FYI: Jay Garcia Gregory (District of Puerto Rico nominee) had a hearing a couple of weeks ago & should be voted out of committee (& *possibly* confirmed, depending on outcome of neg. between dems & repubs) this week. POTUS nominated Ricardo Morado recently for Southern District of Texas. Moreno (5th Cir/Texas) is still our poster child for poor treatment of Hispanic appellate nominees; let me know your thoughts about POTUS kvelling about Arguello for the 10th -- she's out to the ABA & the FBI & if she clears will be nominated, but our general policy is no comment until after nomination.

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Thank you very much. Congressman Emerson and distinguished guests at the head table: to my friend Reverend Billy Graham and Ruth; and to all those who have given such moving presentations. This has been a wonderful morning, I think, for all of us.

When I heard Wentley Phipps recounting our first, rather awkward meeting, I thought that I would admit to being Governor of Alabama just to hear him sing. [Laughter]

My mind has been full of memories this morning. I helped to start the first Governor's **prayer breakfast** in my State; it became a very important part of our life there. And every year I had the pleasure of delegating two Arkansans, one a clergyman or -woman and one a citizen, to come to this wonderful event.

I thought about the first time I ever saw Billy Graham -- appropriate to mention now. He came in the 1950's, in the heat of all our racial trouble, to Arkansas to have a crusade. And the white citizens council tried to get him, because of the tensions of the moment, to agree to segregate his crusade in the fifties in the South. And he said, "If I have to do that, I'm not coming."

And I remember I got a Sunday school teacher in my church -- and I was about 11 years old -- to take me 50 miles to Little Rock so I could hear a man preach who was trying to live by what he said. And then I remember, for a good while thereafter, trying to send a little bit of my allowance to the Billy Graham crusade because of the impression he made on me then.

I am honored that all of you are here not for a political purpose. We come here to seek the help and guidance of our Lord, putting aside our differences, as men and women who freely acknowledge that we don't have all the answers. And we come here seeking to restore and renew and strengthen our faith.

In this town, as much as any place on the face of the Earth, we need that. We need faith as a source of strength. "The assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen," the Scripture says. What it means to me is that here, if we have enough faith, in spite of all the pressures to the contrary, we can define ourselves from the inside out, in a town where everybody tries to define you from the outside in.

We need our faith as a source of hope because it teaches us that each of us is capable of redemption and, therefore, that progress is possible -- not perfection, for all the reasons Reverend Graham said,

but progress. We need our faith as a source of challenge because if we read the Scriptures carefully, it teaches us that all of us must try to live by what we believe or, in more conventional terms, to live out the admonition of President Kennedy that here on Earth God's work must truly be our own.

But perhaps most important of all for me, we need our faith, each of us, President, Vice President, Senator, Congressman, General, Justice, as a source of humility, to remember that, as Bishop Sheen said, we are all sinners. St. Paul once said in an incredibly moving Scripture in the Bible, "The very thing which I would not do, that I do, and that which I would, that I do not." And even more, not only because we do wrong but because we don't always know what is right.

In funerals and weddings and other important ceremonies, you often hear that wonderful verse from Corinthians cited: "Now abideth faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love." But the important thing is often left out, which is the verse above. Why is the greatest of these love? Because, now I see through a glass, darkly . . . now I know only in part. None of us know all that we need to know to do what we need to do.

I have always been touched by the living example of Jesus Christ and moved particularly by all the religious leaders of His day who were suspicious of Him and always trying to trap Him because He was so at ease with the hurting and the hungry and the lonely and, yes, the sinners. And in one of those marvelous attempts to trick Christ, He was asked, "What is the greatest Commandment?" And He answered, quoting Moses, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." And then He added, as we should add, "This is the great and foremost Commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Just 2 weeks and a day ago, I took the oath of office as President. You know the last four words, for those who choose to say it in this way, are "so help me God." And the Chief Justice was giving me the oath, and I was trying to remember the words. And I said, you know, when I get to the end I'm going to think of the ringing voice of Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln and the Roosevelts and Kennedy and all the other great Presidents through the ages, and I will say "so help me God" with all the strength at my command. And I did. But deep down inside I wanted to say it the way I was thinking it, which was, "So, help me, God." [Laughter]

So today my prayer for you as we begin this great new adventure, and I pray that your prayer for me, will be that God will help us to have the strength to define ourselves from the inside out, not the outside in, to have the hope that it takes never to give up and the determination it takes always to make progress in an imperfect world and the humility to walk by faith and not by sight.

Thank you very much.

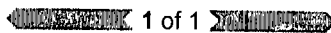
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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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Thank you and God Bless you.

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Ack. Sens. Daschle, Lieberman, Dole, Dodd
(wife Jackie and family); Rep. DeLauro;
Father Gregorie Fluet.

**Sec Richardson and
Sec Daley**

• I'm glad to join you in honoring my
friend Chris Dodd for his 25 years of
service to the people of CT. Chris is the
only Senator from CT ever elected to a 4th
term.

not 28 yrs *80*
Chris is a loyal, lifelong Democrat. He
served as DNC Chairman, leading us to
victory in '96. *471-7400*

• Sen. Dodd has been an effective *Mesh*
champion, and partner to my administration
on: *LA*

- ✓ *Family/ children's issues* – helped pass
FMLA, child care, welfare reform
- ✓ *Health care* – Rx drugs; PBOR
- ✓ *Education* – expect more, demand more;
Head Start
- ✓ *Common Sense Gun Legislation*

• Pressing domestic issues that Congress
should address this year:

1. China/ PNTR
2. Guns – we must pass common sense gun
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To: Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Subject: Re: DRAFT--Hispanic Cards for Tonight. Comments pls to Gottheimer 62554. 

my only correction is that he should say "I am please to say that I will be hosting a White House strategy session on improving hispanic student achievement, building on the great work of the white house commission , etc.

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~~build a stronger America~~
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~~With your help we can~~

I am grateful this
Country is better
off than it was
7 1/2 years
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TALKING POINTS RE: ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

- 10 years' service in Congress
- Fourth-generation Washingtonian
- Champion of the city's democratic rights
- Former chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus
- Knew the President well before he was elected. For example, once stayed in the Governor's Mansion in Arkansas when she came to the state to speak about civil rights
- President's connection to EHN includes both his alma maters. EHN continues as a tenured law professor at Georgetown University, where she teaches a course every year; she is a graduate of Yale Law School

When elected, the President found the city at a low point in its history and wanted to take action to help the city recover.

To get things done, the President needed a partner in Congress who would fight her way and think her way around formidable barriers.

EHN's work in Congress has been central to steering her home town through the city's worst fiscal crisis of the 20th century.

EHN, at considerable political risk, stepped forward to call for a control board and played a critical role in shaping a bill that allowed the city to borrow, the lifeline it needed to survive.

EHN shepherded through Congress the President's D.C. Revitalization Act, which changed the financial relationship between the city and the federal government, enabling the city to recover from insolvency, by removing costly state functions for which other cities are not responsible.

EHN is co-author of the landmark D.C. College Tuition Act, allowing D.C. residents to attend any public college or university anywhere in the U.S. at low in-state tuition. The President's budget support was indispensable to this achievement.

EHN has been a leader in reviving the city's private economy, including the \$5,000 Homebuyer Credit, which is revitalizing the city's tax base; critical business tax credits; and a blockbuster soon to come to the President for signature: the Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Partnership Act, which gives the city its largest commercial area except for downtown.

EHN is the city's democracy champion and its chief guardian against encroachment by Congress on the rights of local residents.

EHN led a two-day debate, an historic first, on her statehood bill, which the President supported and for which 60% of Democrats voted.



EHN won the right to vote on the House floor, later vindicated by the federal district court and the court of appeals, until the rules were changed when the Republican majority took control.

EHN is a leader in the Congress on national issues. She serves in the House Democratic leadership group and recently spoke at the White House Rose Garden Equal Pay Day commemoration on her pending Fair Pay Act.

EHN came to Congress as a national figure, a former chair of the EEOC, a national women's rights and civil rights leader, and a former member of three Fortune 500 boards.

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TO: TANYA LOMBARD
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Acknowledge:

DCCC Chairman Patrick Kennedy
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chair Lucille Roybal-Allard
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Members (lump statement)
Senator Tom Daschle
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congressional Candidates in attendance

Please add as a talking point:

- The candidacy of Regina Montoya Coggins, who can not be here, with us today, in the 5th House district in Texas represents one of the best opportunities we have to take back the House.

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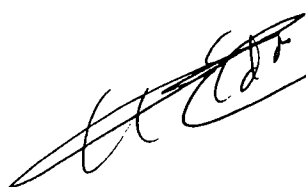
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Our work

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Awardees:

- Eleanor Josaitis
Focus: Hope, Detroit
- Kerry Kennedy Cuomo
RFK Memorial Center for Human Rights
- Barry Zigas
Fannie Mae
- Guillaume DeSpoelberch (shpulberk)
Aga Khan Foundation
- Richard Shadyac Sr.
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Senate:

Senator Charles Robb (D-VA)
Spencer Abraham (R-MI)

House of Representatives:

Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH)
Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)
Ray LaHood (R-IL)
Nick Rahall, II (D-WV)
John Sununu (R-NH)

Ambassadors:

Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar, Bahrain
Ivonne Al Baki, Bolivia
Ahmed Kattan, Saudi Arabia

Others:

Samia and Huda Farouki
Hani and Cheryl Masri
Diane Rehm, NPR
Former Congressman Toby Moffett
Prince Salman Bin Sultan, Saudi Arabia
Jacque Nasser, president, Ford Motor Co.
Debbie Dingell (wife of Congressman Dingell)
Sarah Ehrman
Ronald Coopersmith (son of Esther)

Administration:

Bob Nash, White House
Marsha Scott, White House

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 2000

Warm greetings to everyone gathered for the presentation of the 2000 President's Service Awards. I am delighted to recognize this year's outstanding honorees for their invaluable contributions to the life of our nation...

Community service is based on a deep belief in the promise of America and a commitment to ensuring opportunity for all. Through a variety of initiatives and activities, this year's award recipients have strived to fulfill that promise and to build a better nation for their fellow Americans. Through their tireless efforts and unwavering dedication, they have made our country a better place in which to live, work, and raise our families. I salute these extraordinary individuals and organizations for setting such a shining example of service and for helping to create a brighter future for us all.

Best wishes for a memorable ceremony and continued success in the years to come.

Bill Clinton