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RADIO ACTUALITY FOR FOURTH OF JULY
WASHINGTON, DC**

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS HONORING DR. FRANK NEWMAN
LOCATION TBD
July 13, 1999**

I am very glad to have this opportunity to congratulate my good friend, Frank Newman, on his retirement as president of ECS ... and to thank Frank for a lifetime of tireless service as an advocate for our nation's schools.

As we approach the 21st Century, we know that improving our children's education must be our highest priority. Under Frank's leadership, ECS has led the fight for educational reform. In fact, no organization has done more to identify and promote promising practices in schools around the country. And for six years, you have consistently supported my administration's efforts to renew our public schools and give our children the education they need and deserve.

Together we are helping every state adopt tougher academic standards ... we are enabling hundreds of school districts to crack down on drugs, gangs, and violence ... and we are organizing an army of tutors to help elementary school children learn to read.

Our efforts are beginning to pay off. SAT scores are up ... math Scores are up ... and reading scores are beginning to rise.

But, you and I know that to give all our children the world-class education they need to succeed in the 21st century, we must do more.

We should finish the task of hiring one hundred thousand new highly trained teachers to reduce class sizes in the early grades. And we must change the way we invest federal dollars to support what works and to stop supporting what does not. We must commit ourselves to raising standards for all our schools.

Frank, from your advice in my early days in Arkansas, to your help in my 1992 campaign, to your continued guidance during my Presidency, you have been a font of great ideas and a real inspiration to me. I thank you for all you have done for our children's education and the future of our nation.

Thank you for all you have done ... and good luck.

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Josh Gottheimer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
NAACP 90th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
July 15, 1999**

Good morning. I am honored and pleased to have this opportunity to help you celebrate the 90th anniversary of the NAACP.

I want to start by congratulating Earl Graves on a well-deserved honor. Earl's leadership in the minority business community, his efforts to build up business education at Morgan State University and his invaluable input on the affirmative action policy embody the best of today's NAACP.

And most importantly, I want to thank you, the members of the NAACP, for your tireless efforts over the past 90 years to make real the rights upon which our nation was founded. Since 1909, when W.E. B. Du Bois and other crusaders convened the first meeting of what would become the NAACP, your organization has helped to ignite a movement that forever changed our nation. From the voting booths in the South ... to the marches in Selma ... to the classrooms in Topeka, all Americans of all races have benefited from your efforts.

For nine decades, the NAACP has always held fast to its goals -- ensuring the political, educational, social and economic equality of minorities. And as we all know, although these years have not been without struggle, sacrifice, and hardship, you have always overcome. You faced Jim Crow laws ... and you overcame them. You suffered violence ... and you overcame it. You encountered segregation ... and you overcame it. And through it all, you never resorted to violence you were often subjected to. You relied on peaceful means to change not only our laws, but to change what is in our hearts.

Now you are lending that spirit to the new challenges of the 21st Century -- as you further empower minorities through your work on affirmative action, education, and economic development. As I said when we met two years ago, we can not replace the tyranny of segregation with the tragedy of diminished expectations for young people.

W. E. B. Du Bois, once said, "The problem of the twentieth century is the color line." We have come a long way toward erasing that line, but you and I know that we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the problems of the 20th Century are not the problems of the 21st Century. Under the effective leadership of my good friends Kweisi Mfume and Julian Bond, I know that together we will build that elusive one America.

Thank you and congratulations again on this milestone.

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Josh Gottheimer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
TRIBUTE TO GERALD GREENWALD
LOCATION, TBD
July 11, 1999**

I am very glad to have this opportunity to congratulate Jerry Greenwald on his retirement from United Airlines, and to thank him for his exemplary leadership as the Chairman of the National Welfare-to-Work Partnership.

Jerry, you have spent your career proving that there are no limits to what people can achieve if they have the right opportunities. I am sure that the employee-owners of United and the welfare recipients you helped find jobs would agree.

In 1994, when Jerry Greenwald became chairman and CEO of United, the company faced its fair share of troubles. Jerry turned the company around – by turning employees into stakeholders in the company ... and turning a profit for five years running.

He brought the same ingenuity – and the same passion -- to his work as Chairman of the National Welfare-to-Work Partnership.

I said when I signed the Welfare Reform law that that hardest challenge we faced was creating the private sector jobs for people making the transition from welfare to work – and I called on private business to help. Less than one year later, 5 companies, including United, launched the Welfare to Work Partnership. Under Jerry's leadership, the Partnership has grown from nearly 100 companies two years ago to over 10,000 today – and it has helped more than 400,000 people move from welfare to work. Together, we have helped bring the welfare rolls down to their lowest level in more than 30 years – and helped bring the dignity of work to millions of Americans.

Jerry, as you retire, you leave a legacy of achievement that has touched the lives of so many Americans – from the factory floor to the friendly skies.

I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors, and I thank you for all that you do.

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Josh Gottheimer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR THE "FAVORITE POEM PROJECT"
FOR VIEWING ON THE INTERNET
FALL 1999**

I would like to share Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn," a poem he wrote to commemorate the completion of the Battle monument, to honor the fallen heroes of the battles of Lexington and Concord in the Revolutionary War, and to invoke the enduring spirit of patriotism that inspires us to this day.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard 'round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror in silence sleeps;
In time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit that made those heroes dare
To die and leave their children free
Bid time and nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

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Josh Gottheimer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
TRIBUTE TO MAYOR WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
July 11, 1999**

I'm pleased to be able to join you in celebrating the career of my good friend Willie Brown.

For over three decades, Willie has been at the forefront of social change in America, serving as a tireless advocate for the people of California. The first African-American Speaker of the State Assembly, Willie embodies the American dream – reminding us that in this country, you can rise as far as your determination and drive will carry you.

Taking California politics by storm, Willie relentlessly defended public education, affirmative action, and the rights of workers and children. He served as Speaker longer than anyone in California's history, setting a new standard of passion, commitment, and, of course, style to that office.

And now, as Mayor of the City of the Golden Gate, Willie Brown continues using his energy to bring about real change. He has brought new resources, industry and energy back to the city, transforming stagnant areas into centers of art and culture. These changes have sparked enterprise in struggling neighborhoods, bringing the city unprecedented economic growth.

Willie's efforts embody the changes we would like to see in cities across America. Working together with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, our Administration is committed to helping shine the light of economic opportunity on communities that have been too long in the shadows.

Congratulations again, Willie, thank you for your friendship – and for being a good friend to the people of California.