

life, and Zora's brilliant works reflect the vibrant history of the many women whose lives she studied.

Zora Neale Hurston might never have imagined that women would one day have the opportunity to take her mother's teaching literally. But from Sally Ride to Mae Jemison to Kathryn Sullivan, astronauts have soared closer to the sun than most humans ever dreamed. As we celebrate Women's History Month, 1994, Americans take special pride in the scope of women's achievements, exemplified by the daring spirit of these pioneering individuals. We watched in awe recently as astronaut Sullivan performed complex repairs on the Hubble space telescope by the light of the rising sun. And we shared her happiness as she basked in the love of her family at the end of a successful mission. From author to astronaut to able parent, women have embraced a myriad of challenging roles throughout our Nation's history.

But America has not yet fulfilled its promise of equality for all people. While more women than ever now hold public office in our country, more women than ever must also bear sole responsibility for caring for their families. We rely on women's knowledge and expertise in every aspect of life, and yet we as a society fail to provide many of our families the care and support they so desperately need. We take satisfaction in knowing that women have gained equality under the law, but we must also recognize the ways in which true equality is still only a dream. Zora's "sun" eludes our grasp. This month, we rededicate ourselves to reaching it.

On this occasion, we celebrate the lives of women too long missing from our history books. We listen to the voices of women too long absent from our national memory. Most important, we look forward to a day when society need not remind itself to note the extraordinary accomplishments of women. We dream of a time when, in passing the lessons of this generation from teacher to student, from parent to child, we tell a story of women and men working side by side. We will say that it took all people, striving together, to build a just and compassionate world of liberty, charity, and peace.

The Congress, by Public Law 103-22, has designated March 1994 as "Women's History Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 1994 as Women's History Month. I invite all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to remember throughout the year the rich and varied contributions that women make to our world.

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

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on March 8.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Report of the
Department of Transportation**
March 2, 1994

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 308 of Public Law 97-449 (49 U.S.C. 308(a)), I transmit herewith the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Department of Transportation, which covers fiscal year 1992.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 2, 1994.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Report of the
Interagency Arctic Research Policy
Committee**
March 2, 1994

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C.

4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Fifth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 1992, to January 31, 1994).

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 2, 1994.

Statement on the Attack on Jewish Students in Brooklyn, New York

March 2, 1994

This afternoon, I spoke with the family of Aaron Halberstam, the Lubavitcher student who was critically wounded by gunfire in Brooklyn yesterday. My prayers are with them, with their son, and with all of those affected by this spasm of brutal violence. It is an outrage that this crime, which has overtones of a hate crime, could occur in our American community. And it is a tragedy that such a tender, intelligent boy could be the victim of such brutality and immutable violence.

For American Jewry, as for all of us, our country's unique tradition of tolerance and religious freedom makes us a refuge from the hatred and inhumanity that divides so many other cultures in this world. We respect the humanity we find in each other, and anything which attacks the bonds of community which unite us is an attack on us all.

I commend the New York City Police Department for its swift and apparently successful investigation of this crime, and I would appeal to all men and women of good will—shocked as we are by this violence—to be calm and respectful of our system of justice. Those of us fighting for the safety and security of our neighborhoods, and for America's religious and cultural freedoms, will prevail.

Nomination for Ambassador to Bahrain

March 2, 1994

The President today named David M. Ransom as the United States Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

"David Ransom's extensive background in foreign affairs and dedicated service to the

United States will be a great asset to this Nation," the President said. "I am pleased to announce his nomination, and I look forward to his appointment."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission

March 2, 1994

The President today announced his intention to nominate Rachelle B. Chong as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

"I am confident that Rachelle Chong's experience and commitment in the area of telecommunications will prove invaluable to this most important committee," the President said. "I am happy to nominate her to the position."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs of the President's Committee on the Employment of People With Disabilities

March 2, 1994

The President today announced the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities. Appointments include Tony Coelho as Chair of the Committee, Neil Jacobson as Vice Chair, and Karen Meyer as Vice Chair.

"I am pleased to announce these appointments," the President said. "I believe the designation of such a dedicated and experienced group of people will provide valuable perspective to the administration and emphasize our strong commitment to the community of people with disabilities."

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary