

human capacity to live up to the fullest of their God-given abilities and to succeed as both workers and parents. We must break this cycle.

For this reason, this ought to be a bipartisan issue. Over the last 30 years, poor folks in this country have seen about all the political posturing they can stand, one way or the other. Now, there are serious people in both political parties in Congress who have advanced proposals to change the welfare system. And I really believe that we have a chance finally to replace dependence with independence, welfare with work.

I don't care who gets the credit for this if we can rebuild the American family; if we can strengthen our communities; if we can give every person on welfare the dignity, the pride, the direction, the strength, the sheer person power I felt coming out of these ladies that I spoke with today; if we can give people the pride that I sense from Yolanda's coworkers when she stood up here to introduce me today. This is not a partisan issue; this is an American issue.

Let me tell you, several years ago when I was a Governor of my State, I brought in Governors from all over the country to a meeting in Washington, and then I brought in people from all over America who had been on welfare to talk to them. We had most of the Governors there, and they were shocked. Most of them had never met anybody who'd been on welfare before. And there was a woman from my State who was asked a question. I had no idea what she was going to answer. She was asked about her job, and she talked about her job and how she got on the job. And then she was asked by a Governor, "Well, do you think enrollment in these programs ought to be mandatory?" She said, "I sure do." And then a Governor said, "Well, can you tell us what the best thing about being in a full-time job is?" She said, "Yes, sir. When my boy goes to school, and they ask him, 'what does you mama do for a living,' he can give an answer."

Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for proving today that we can give every child in America a chance to give an answer. Let's go do it.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:12 p.m. at the Commerce Bank. In his remarks, he referred to Yolanda Magee, a participant in the Future Now program who introduced the President; Jonathan Kemper, president and CEO, Commerce Bank; Mayor Emanuel Cleaver II of Kansas City, MO; and Gov. Mel Carnahan of Missouri.

Proclamation 6701—Father's Day, 1994

June 14, 1994

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

June conjures up memories of sunny days, backyard cookouts, relaxing vacations, lush gardens in bloom, and on the third Sunday of the month, the celebration of Father's Day. This is a time set aside by tradition to pay tribute to fathers across our land and to thank them for their unconditional love, for their belief in their children's potential, and for their vital parental role. Their profound influence on their sons and daughters—on society itself—is incalculable.

The loving concern of fathers in raising, protecting, educating, encouraging, and providing direction for their children shapes our national character, as well as our children's. The positive interaction of fathers who responsibly welcome the challenges of guiding their children is immeasurable. Through the nurturing support of such parents, competent, caring, and resilient generations of citizens develop and thrive. These fathers, whether biological, foster, or adoptive, deserve our honor and gratitude.

All fathers in our society today must reinvest in supplying emotional and financial support for their children. It is never too late to assume the responsibility for meeting a child's needs. To do so, despite personal and economic hardship, is to help our children transcend adverse circumstances and to earn the love, respect, and appreciation that will become a legacy of devotion for generations long after ours.

Our Nation is becoming increasingly aware that a father's acceptance and support are powerful motivators. It is most fitting that we recognize our fathers' contributions today

and every day—that we express, through word or deed, our appreciation to them and that we remember their love, their friendship, and their faith in us.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, in accordance with a joint resolution of the Congress approved April 24, 1972 (36 U.S.C. 142a), do hereby proclaim, Sunday, June 19, 1994, as “Father’s Day.” I invite the States, communities and people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies as a mark of appreciation and affection for our fathers.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of June, 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 was published in the *Federal Register* on June 16.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Report of the
Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory
Committee**

June 14, 1994

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 5347(e) of title 5 of the United States Code, I transmit herewith the 1993 annual report of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
June 14, 1994.

**Nomination for Under Secretary for
Health at the Department of
Veterans Affairs**

June 14, 1994

The President today announced his intention to nominate Kenneth W. Kizer of Maryland as Under Secretary for Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Dr. Kizer brings a wide range of clinical and administrative experience to the VA and tested leadership, which will be crucial to the department’s success in the framework of national health care reform,” the President said.

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

**Nomination for Chairman of the
Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission**

June 14, 1994

The President today announced his intent to nominate Gilbert F. Casellas as Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

“Gilbert Casellas’ dedication and commitment to providing equal opportunities to all Americans and his skilled ability to build consensus around even the most complex issues make me proud to nominate him to chair this essential commission,” the President said.

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

**Remarks on North Korea and an
Exchange With Reporters**

June 15, 1994

The President. Let me say I’m very pleased to have this opportunity for another meeting with the bipartisan leadership. We will be discussing a number of issues today, but let me mention one in particular, North Korea.

Ambassador Albright will be beginning her discussions today at the United Nations about a sanctions resolution which we proposed which would include phased sanctions designed to deal not only with the actions of the North Koreans to date but as a deterrent to future destructive conduct with regard to the IAEA and the NPT. So we’re going to be very deliberate, very firm. I feel that we are pursuing the proper course at this time.

In addition to that, of course, we’ll be discussing health care, the crime bill, welfare