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Cost of bilingualism requested by group

AUSTIN (AP) — Leaders of a group promoting English as the official language of Texas called on the Legislature Thursday to make Comptroller Bob Bullock report on the cost of "governmental bilingualism."

The American Ethnic Coalition said Bullock had maintained that costs of printing government forms in Spanish as well as English were not available, and added, "It smacks of fiscal irresponsibility for the Legislature not to have this information available."

Lou Zaeske, coalition founder and chairman, said in refusing to provide such information, "Mr. Bullock is doing nothing but pandering to supporters of a bilingual Texas — using tax monies — really, I think, to sort of start campaigning for lieutenant governor."

The coalition also said it wanted legislators to adopt a resolution asking Attorney General Jim Mattox to issue an opinion on the constitutionality of bilingual government operation and on Spanish "being arbitrarily selected as the second language to be used."

Asked for examples of bilingual government, Zaeske mentioned tax notices from Bullock in Spanish and driver's license manuals made avail-

able by the state highway department.

Zaeske earlier noted bilingual election ballots, and the coalition Thursday said it would support legislation to repeal a law that requires the Texas Employment Commission to print forms in Spanish and English.

Zaeske, who has announced for the state Senate next year, said, "We have confidence that within the next two or three weeks some 'Official English' legislation will be introduced in the Texas Legislature and, of course, in the United States Congress."

"This Official English battle — war, or however you want to characterize it — is going to be a long ongoing kind of thing with our ultimate goal being to see that we can communicate with one another in a common language, that our government reinforces that common language, speeds our tax monies to do that," Zaeske told a news conference.

Roy Ontiveros of Dallas, executive vice chairman of the American Ethnic Coalition, said the coalition has "discovered that we have the numbers" to pass legislation to make English the official language of Texas if it can get such a proposal out of committee to a floor vote.

Texas lawmakers feel black Texan war hero merits Medal of Honor

AUSTIN (AP) — The state House passed a resolution Thursday urging Congress to award a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor to a black war hero from Texas who gunned down Japanese aircraft during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Seaman Doris "Dorrie" Miller, a Waco native, deserves the Medal of Honor, and the award would be a symbolic gesture to other blacks who fought valiantly for the United States, said Rep. Jerald Larry, D-Dallas.

Larry and Rep. Ken Marchant, R-Carrollton, co-authored the resolution.

The resolution "simply adds support to those in the Congress who would like to see Congress correct a longstanding injustice against African-American servicemen who served in World War I and II," Larry said.

Miller has been described as one of the first American heroes of World War II for his actions during the Japanese sneak attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Miller had enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939 and had been a mess steward on the battleship West Virginia.

When the Japanese attacked, Miller moved his wounded skipper to safety and then manned a machine gun and shot down two Japanese aircraft. Miller maintained his position until ordered to abandon the sinking ship.

For his actions at Pearl Harbor, Miller received the Navy Cross. Miller was killed in a torpedo attack in 1943. In 1971, the Navy named a Knox-class frigate after him.

"He has been recognized to some extent for his feats of heroism," said Larry, but added the Medal of Honor "is the highest expression of recognition that our nation pays to its heroes."

"It is alarming that out of 529 Medals of Honor awarded during both world wars not one of the 1.5 million blacks, who fought to protect

the liberty and freedom of America 20 years prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Bill of 1965, received the award," Larry said.

Last year, a bill by U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, would have awarded the Medal of Honor to Miller, but the bill died in a congressional subcommittee.

Leland will file the bill again in the current session of Congress, according to Sandi Stevens, deputy communications director for Leland.

Proposed fee for immigrants earns criticism

EL PASO (AP) — Texans reacted with skepticism Thursday at a lobbyist group's suggestion that every person who enters the United States legally be charged \$2 to pay for improved fences and border patrols.

"People can barely afford to pay that," said Debbie Nathan of the El Paso-based League for Immigration and Border Rights Education. "That's about the daily Mexican minimum wage — which is why they come to work here in the first place."

The proposal was in a report released Thursday by the conservative Federation for American Immigration Reform.

"Where a fence exists at all, it often lies torn and tattered," read the report, titled, "Ten Steps to Securing America's Borders."

"Gaping holes invite illegal entry" and efforts to patch them are doomed to fail, the report said.

FAIR assistant director Patrick Burns said the group advocates using \$2 crossing fees to build better fences, hire more Border Patrol agents and install more electronic sensors along the border.

Study: Fish in Trinity River contain high pollutant levels

FORT WORTH (AP) — Stretches of the Trinity River are so polluted by toxic chemicals that many species of fish and wildlife that should live in the Texas watercourse simply aren't there, a new federal study concludes.

"If you are concerned about fish and wildlife, you should be concerned about this," said Roy Irwin, a federal wildlife biologist who conducted the study.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study, released on Wednesday, was based on field studies conducted in 1985 along a 250-mile section of the river. The report found severe impacts on fish in the river from Fort Worth's Village Creek Sewage Treatment Plant to as far as southeast Dallas County.

The study, titled "Impacts of Toxic Chemicals on Trinity River Fish and Wildlife," was started in July 1985 after a large fish kill downstream from Dallas.

It reported that many pollution-tolerant species found downstream from Dallas contained levels of toxic chemicals high enough to cause concern about such predators as bass

and some birds.

Lesser, but significant, shortages of fish species were detected in downtown Fort Worth and just east of the city. The study didn't say whether contaminated fish or wildlife pose a threat to people.

Irwin said fish and wildlife samples were collected at 27 sites along the river.

Contaminants found to be most consistently above concern levels downstream of Fort Worth and Dallas include PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), chlordane, chromium, lead and mercury.

Much of the damage was blamed on chlorinated and raw sewage, industrial and residential runoff, municipal landfills and illegal dumping. "It's all cumulative," said Irwin. "A whole bunch of increments add up to a big impact."

Irwin's 86-page study analyzed tissue samples from up to 17 species of fish, turtles, clams and crayfish. It was released as many cities and the federal government confront the problems of urban runoff and wastewater treated with chlorine.

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"Characteristics of Successful Retailing Executives—What Separates the Best from the Rest?"
-Thomas J. Frank, President, Conn Appliances, Inc.
-Carl Sewell, President, Sewell Village Cadillac
-Jeffrey Wells, Vice President, Human Resources, Toys "R" Us

"From Resumes to References—What Are Recruiters Really Looking For?"
-Gary Huddleston, Director, Human Resources, The Kroger Co.
-Roy Chapman, College Relations Manager, J.C. Penny Co., Inc.

"Retailing Careers—There's More Than You Think!"
-Marilyn Smith, Director of Training, Tom Thumb-Page Drug
-Karen Samford, Corporate Marketing Manager, Herring Marathon Group Inc.
-Tim White, Regional Personnel Manager, K-Mart Apparel
-Ronni Rosen, Human Resource Manager, Pier 1 Imports
-Don Hughes, National Manager of Market Planning, Hallmark Cards, Inc.
-Ernesto Cuellar, Regional Personnel Manager, Mervyn's

"Why Students Should Consider a Retailing Internship"
-Joey Jones, Government Programs Coordinator, Wal-Mart
-Missy Magnuson Adams, Assistant Buyer, Neiman/Marcus

6:00PM-7:30PM Reception in the Hilton Ballroom

Monday, January 30th
8:00AM-8:50AM WOMEN IN BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM
8:50AM-9:00AM "Secrets of Success-How to get Ahead"-Blocker 102
9:00AM-9:50AM "Opportunities in Business-Where does your major fit in"-Blocker 102
10:00AM-10:50AM "Secrets of Success-How to get Ahead"-Blocker 158
11:00AM-1:00PM "Conflicts in the Workplace"-Blocker 158
1:00PM-2:00PM "Women Today... All Options Open" Luncheon at the College Station Hilton
Guest speaker: Kay Hutchison
2:00PM-2:50PM "Opportunities in Business-Where does your major fit in"-Blocker 165
2:50PM-3:00PM "Secrets of Success-How to get Ahead"-Blocker 158
3:00PM-4:15PM "Conflicts in the Workplace"-Blocker 102
4:15PM-5:45PM "Opportunities in Business-Where does your major fit in"-Blocker 102

Tuesday, January 31st
8:30AM-4:00PM Booths in Blocker
6:00PM-7:00PM Minority Student Reception
College Station Hilton (foyer of the ballroom)
7:00PM-9:00PM Business Career Fair Banquet

Wednesday, February 1st
8:30AM-4:00PM Booths in Blocker

Thursday, February 2nd
9:30AM-4:30PM MBA Case Competition
-Check with Masters Programs Office (331 Blocker) for schedule of events
2:00PM-3:15PM Placement Center Orientation
"How to Use the Placement Center"
Speaker: Mr. Lou Van Pelt, Director
Room 307 Blocker