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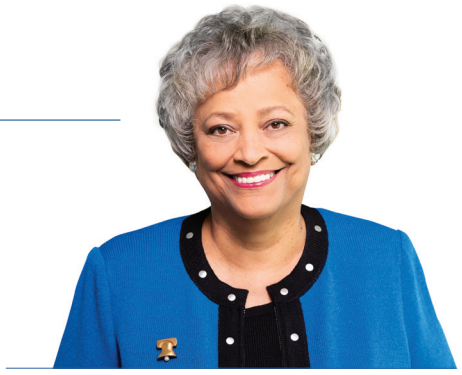
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# History Lessons

By Kay C. James



**A**LTHOUGH WE FIND ourselves on the cusp of a very important election, it's not the first election where our nation has found itself at a crossroads, nor is it likely to be the last.

Less than 90 years after the American Revolution was waged in pursuit of a more perfect union, its destruction became horrifyingly possible. Even as Americans cast their ballots during the Civil War, the fate of America itself hung in the balance. It provides us a sobering reminder of America's strength and ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges.

Today the threat is to our electoral system itself, and Heritage is on guard, defending the right for your vote to count. When much is at stake, citizens' voices must be heard.

History has taught us that politicians come and go. Throughout, there will always be a need for principled, conservative leadership to bring us back to our founding principles. The farther we go astray, the more important Heritage's work becomes. No matter who occupies the Oval

Office, you can count on Heritage to develop the ideas, solutions, and strategies that will move us closer to the country our Founders envisioned. This is why we are grateful for Heritage Legacy Society members like Dr. Bernabe Loret de Mola and his wife Yvonne Conde, whom you can read more about on pages 3-4. Our Legacy members are taking the long view necessary to ensure the blessings of a free and prosperous America.

America will continue to be tested, and it won't be the last time patriotic citizens will be called upon to defend our founding principles. Thank you for being with us on the sometimes difficult but precious path toward freedom.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kay C. James". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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# In Defense of Freedom

## HUSBAND AND WIFE

Bernabe Loret de Mola and Yvonne Conde may have followed different paths to America, but their hearts arrived in the same place: filled with a profound love for America and a deep concern over where it may be heading.

Bernabe, or “Barney” as he is known to friends, was born in Cuba but attended boarding school in the United States from a young age. When he was 15, he and his mother left Cuba for good and emigrated to New York City, and like many newly arrived immigrants, they worked around the clock to make a new life there.

Barney eventually enrolled in City College of New York, where he admits being exposed to the socialist sentiments pervasive in so many college campuses during the 1950s. Later, as Barney made his own way through medical school, he started to understand the importance of valuing what you earn and, perhaps more importantly, how taking self-sufficiency away from people is problematic in a free society. Barney was eventually drafted into the Navy, where he served as a doctor during the Vietnam War. His wartime experience further reinforced a shift toward a more conservative worldview than he held during his early days at City College.



Yvonne, also born in Cuba, took a more perilous route to the United States. Yvonne’s family experienced Castro’s revolution firsthand, and, like many families at the time, initially supported the fight against the previous regime’s corruption. Yvonne’s family soon realized this was merely a pretense for the hardline communist regime that ensued. The Catholic schools where she had once studied were abolished, and children were sent to Russia and parts unknown for communist indoctrination. People’s movements were monitored, and their lack of attendance at local party meetings was recorded. Personal property was seized. Severe food shortages became the norm. Seemingly overnight, they found themselves living in a dystopian communist nightmare.

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—YVONNE CONDE

Eventually, Yvonne was one of the more than 14,000 unaccompanied children sent to America under the program known as “Operation Pedro Pan.” In fact, she has written one of the definitive books on that subject. Some children were received by extended family members in the United States; others passed through a series of foster families coordinated primarily through Catholic charities. Yvonne was fortunate enough to have her mother join her after a year of experiencing what she gratefully refers to as “the kindheartedness of Americans,” but when airline flights between the two countries ceased in 1962, many families were left permanently separated.

Though Barney and Yvonne may have been introduced to America in different ways, when asked what most concerns them today, their answer is immediate and passionately unified: the loss of freedom of expression.

“What does it say about our country when we can’t walk down the streets of New York City wearing a piece of clothing in support of our candidate of choice without fear

of being physically injured?” says Yvonne. “We are seeing our freedom of expression eroded, and this is truly scary to me. Freedom is why I came to this country! And when that freedom is gone, what will we lose next?” Barney adds, “There was a Cuban-born American, Maximo Alvarez—also a Pedro Pan refugee—who summed it up best at the Republican National Convention this year. He said he would never forget his father’s words to him: ‘We have nowhere else to go.’”

It was Yvonne and Barney’s love for America—and concern for its future—that led them to include a provision for Heritage in their estate plans. “We’re thinking about the future because what we see happening in America today didn’t just occur overnight, says Barney. “It’s been developing for many years, and the danger isn’t going to go away.”

“I want Heritage’s light and ideas to keep shining for future generations,” says Yvonne. “We believe America’s ideals must continue. When we’re no longer on this earth, it’s important for us to know what we’ve left will be put to good use.”



# Thank You.

The Heritage Foundation thanks the newest members of the Heritage Legacy Society, listed below, for their leadership in creating a better America and leaving a legacy of freedom for future generations. Their commitment through their estate or other planned gift ensures that there will always be a strong voice for conservative principles in the nation's capital.

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## The Ultimate Pledge

**WHETHER YOU RECITED** it as a child or had your first encounter with the Pledge of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony, we all feel something stir in our hearts upon hearing its words. As its principles increasingly come under attack, one meaningful way to uphold your most deeply held American values is to make a legacy gift in their defense.

### **We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America ...**

A provision for Heritage in your will is a gift that embodies love of country and gratitude for the unique blessings of liberty we enjoy as Americans. As the radical left burns our flag in the streets, Heritage redoubles its efforts as the leading voice for American exceptionalism and rule of law. We also honor the sacrifices made in defense of our country—and the precious flag, which symbolizes them—through the work undertaken by our leading experts on constitutional law, defense policy, and the importance of military readiness.

### **And to the republic for which it stands ...**

Heritage is an organization rooted firmly in the Constitution, and a gift to Heritage in your will is a gift to ensure America never loses sight of its founding principles. When establishing our republic, our Founders understood the importance of yielding power to the people and warned against the dangers of a tyrannical, centralized government. More than ever, this principle has come under attack by leftists set on recreating America according to their dangerously misguided socialist vision.

### **One nation, under God, indivisible ...**

By remembering Heritage in your will, you are upholding our founding fathers' vision regarding the importance of faith in civil society as well as helping ensure American citizens are able to practice their faith without fear of persecution. Heritage is also one of the few organizations leading the charge against the growing threat of identity

politics—an ideology that seeks to divide and destroy our America from within. So-called progressive liberals continually seek to divide us on lines of race, gender, and faith, and their corrosive influence can be seen everywhere, from elementary school classrooms to anarchists in the streets.

### **With liberty and justice for all.**

If you believe America is the world's last great bastion of freedom, consider a bequest in her defense. Your gift will help safeguard our founding principles for future generations. Heritage

firmly believes that the promise of America is the best hope for all citizens regardless of race, color, or creed and that our free market has done more to lift people out of poverty than any socialist or communist regime. If you feel the same way, we hope you will join us in this noble cause.

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## **Create a Lasting Legacy for America**

You may make a bequest to The Heritage Foundation by including the following sample language in your will:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to **The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002** (here insert specific dollar amount, percentage of estate, or percentage of the residual of your estate, or describe property) to be used for its educational purposes."

This language can be added to an existing will very easily and at minimal expense. It is recommended that an attorney provide assistance. The Heritage Foundation's federal tax identification number is 23-7327730.

You may also consider making Heritage the beneficiary of your **IRA, insurance policy, commercial annuity**, or any other account that allows you to name a beneficiary upon death. This is a wonderful way to leave a legacy for America, and all that's typically required is your signature on a change of beneficiary form.

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