

was a man of great ingenuity, integrity, and offered leadership to the NAACP in a time when the organization needed him most.

Aside from his service to the NAACP, Shinhoster served as the Ghana Field Director with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs of Washington, D.C. He helped to implement the Institute's election observation process with the 1966 elections of Ghana's president and parliament. He was also instrumental in election monitoring in Nigeria and South Africa.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Americans he benefited during his lifetime of service, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a man who devoted his entire life to the cause of civil rights and the NAACP. Earl T. Shinhoster will be sadly missed, but his legacy will not be forgotten.

## FLAG DAY

### HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our nation's flag. June 14th marks Flag Day, and the 223rd birthday of "Old Glory." The flag symbolizes our national unity, our national endeavors, and our national aspiration. There is no better symbol of our country's values and traditions than the Flag of the United States of America. Our flag's proud Stars and Stripes have long inspired our people, and its beautiful red, white, and blue design is known around the world as a beacon of liberty and justice.

Flag Day—the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777—was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

The stars and stripes on the flag represent more than just the original colonies and the number of states in this nation; they represent freedom and independence for Americans. In times of war, young soldiers have died to ensure it will continue to stand for a symbol of freedom. They rush to the front of the battle line to keep it waving strongly above the heads of their fellow soldiers. Our brave Armed Forces members carry "Old Glory" with them as they fulfill their mission to defend the blessings of democracy and peace across the globe; our banner flies from public buildings as a sign of our national community; and its folds drape the tombs of our distinguished dead. The Flag is a badge of honor to all—a sign of our citizens' common purpose.

The next time we rise to pledge our allegiance to our flag, let us also be reminded of our duty as citizens to keep this nation one, where liberty and justice can be enjoyed by all.

## RULE OF LAW DETERIORATING IN INDIA

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Newsroom.org reported on June 6 that a group of human rights and religious freedom activists in India issued a written statement saying that political leaders have failed to guarantee the rule of law for religious minorities. This is significant, Mr. Speaker, because these are Indians saying this. The statement follows a similar one from the All-India Christian Council (AICC). The AICC said that it "holds the government responsible for the lack of safety of Christians in various parts of India."

The recent statement was signed by Hasan Mansur, head of the Karnataka unit of the People's Union for Civil Liberties; Ruth Manorama of the National Alliance of Women's Organizations; Sister Dolores Rego, who represents 10,000 Catholic nuns in India; and H. Hanumanthappa, former chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, among others.

The statement said that the Indian government is "incapable of guaranteeing the rule of law for protecting the right to life and security of peace-loving citizens" and "has become so anarchic as to have derailed democracy." Indian human rights activists are saying that there is effectively no democracy in India.

There have been several recent incidents. Just within the past few days a priest was murdered and five churches were bombed. A group of Christians was savagely beaten while distributing religious literature and Bibles. These are just the latest incidents of violence against Christians, a reign of terror that has been going on since Christmas 1998. In March, the Indian government murdered 35 Sikhs while President Clinton was visiting India. Remember that these Indian human rights leaders hold the government responsible for all these incidents. They were carried out by militant Hindu nationalists under the umbrella of the RSS, the parent organization of the BJP, the political party that rules India.

The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs, according to the Politics of Genocide by Inderjit Singh Jaijee of the Movement Against State Repression. And why does a democracy need a Movement Against State Repression? India has also killed more than 20,000 Christians in Nagaland, more than 70,000 Kashmiri Muslims, and tens of thousands of Dalits, Assamese, Manipuris, Tamils, and others. It is holding about 50,000 Sikhs as political prisoners without charge or trial, as well as thousands of others.

It offends me that our government continues to funnel aid to a government that has such a complete disregard for basic human rights. We should immediately cut off American aid to India until everyone there enjoys the liberties that we expect from democratic states. India should be declared a terrorist state. And we should put the Congress on record in support of self-determination for the people of Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and all the other nations seeking their freedom. That is what we can do to ensure freedom and the rule of law in the troubled South Asian subcontinent.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the Newsroom Article of June 6 into the RECORD.

INDIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS CHASTISE POLITICIANS FOR DETERIORATING RULE OF LAW

DELHI, India, 6 June 2000 (Newsroom)—Prominent Indian advocates of human rights and religious freedom accused political leaders in a written statement of failing to guarantee the rule of law for social and religious minorities and appealed to the government to uphold the rule of law and India's constitutional democracy.

The All India Christian Council last week had issued a similar statement expressing concern "about the unabated violence against Christians" taking place in the state of Gujarat and elsewhere. The council said it "holds the central government responsible for the lack of safety of Christians in various parts of India."

Among the signatories of last month's statement were Hasan Mansur, a Muslim intellectual who also heads the Karnataka unit of the People's Union of Civil Liberties, a well-known civil rights group; Ruth Manorama of the National Alliance for Women's Organizations; Sister Dolores Rego, who represents 10,000 Catholic nuns in India; and H. Hanumanthappa, former chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Indians are "deeply disturbed about the virulent, premeditated, and recurrent attacks on persons and institutions of the social, cultural, and religious minority communities being carried out in recent months by the Sangh Parivar (various Hindu groups) in different parts of the country," the advocates said. "The unending spate of propaganda unleashed against these communities is a matter of grave concern to us. We are very much distressed about the dubious manner in which the political leaders at the helm of affairs in this country today have been responding to such methodically orchestrated malicious behavior of these communal outfits."

Government at the national and state levels is so disorganized that it is "incapable of guaranteeing the rule of law for protecting the right to life and security of peace-loving citizens." It "has become so anarchic as to have derailed democracy that was built up very assiduously during the past 50 years," the group charged.

The statement comes amid continuing attacks against Christians and Muslims, as well as Dalits, the lowest group in India's caste system. Dalits typically perform the most menial tasks in Indian society and are shunned by members of upper castes.

The rights advocates expressed their shock at recent attacks on Christians and members of the so-called "untouchable" community in India. They took particular note of the murders of seven Dalits who were burned to death by members of the dominant castes in Kambalapalli village in the south Indian state of Karnataka on March 11. Eleven Dalits died in the same way last month in the north Indian state of Bihar.

"We are dismayed at the direction in which the nation is moving," the statement said: "... Social, cultural and religious minorities are the constant targets of these atrocious attacks. Recurrence of such assaults has become the order of the day. Inaction, or the lethargic response, to say the least, of the law-enforcing machinery is the maximum that the citizens are (acculturated) to expect from the governance system."

The Christian Council was especially critical of what it called "the whitewashing of communal incidents by the minority Commission" and apathy on the part of the Delhi

government in putting a stop to the violence. "These are not criminal attacks, but planned, deliberate attacks on the Christian community by the elements of the Sangh Parivar," the council said. "The culture of impunity that has been perpetuated is now getting out of control."

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. STACK,  
JR.

**HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2000*

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a personal friend of mine, attorney Michael J. Stack, Jr. in recognition of his commitment to society, the community, and also the legal profession.

Mike Stack, Jr. is the son of the former Congressman, Michael Stack from the Sixth Congressional District (West Philadelphia) of Pennsylvania. He himself is the father of five children and is married to the Honorable Felice R. Stack of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia.

Like his father, Mike Stack answered the call and served in the United States Armed Services with the Infantry in WWII. Mike was recognized for his service with various awards such as: The Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation medal, the WWII Honorable Service Lapel Button, and the Marksman Badge. He was recently chosen "Distinguished Man of the Year" by the Catholic War Veterans.

Mike Stack is also a political leader in the Fifty-Eighth Ward, where he maintains the position of Democratic Ward Leader, and has done so since 1970. As long as I have known him, he has managed to adopt a traditional style of avoiding the limelight so he can have a better view of the passing parade in a ward with 30,000 registered voters. I have been proud to work with Mike in making life better for the people of the Third Congressional District.

Mr. Stack is a trial lawyer, pilot, scholar, published author, law professor, and above all a "seanachi". He functions in all of these roles with ease and a natural grace.

With all of his accomplishments, he still maintains the greatest modesty. The number of people he has assisted quietly throughout the years may never be known, but is surely massive in number.

Mr. Stack attended St. Joseph's University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. Following that, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is currently a senior member of the Law firm, Stack and Stack.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Michael J. Stack, Jr. should be commended for answering the call of duty and serving in the United States Armed Service, and for working in the political sphere for a number of years in attempt to better the City of Philadelphia. I congratulate and highly revere Mr. Stack for all of his accomplishments and most importantly his recent naming of "Distinguished Man of the Year." I offer him my very best wishes both now and for the future.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM  
DINSMORE

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2000*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special man in the 10th Congressional District. Mr. William Dinsmore of Alamo, California was recently awarded the 2000 Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of California, Santa Barbara Alumni Association.

This 1968 graduate has indeed had a lifetime of achievement. From 1985 to 1995 he served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Learning Company and built it into the premier brand of home and school educational computer software products in the United States. Under his leadership, The Learning Company earned more than a hundred awards for the exceptional quality of its product line for children and adults and achieved an extraordinary record of revenue and profitability growth. In 1992, The Learning company was deemed a "company to watch" by Fortune Magazine and was honored by Forbes Magazine as one of the "best small companies in the world."

In 1995 the Learning Company was acquired by Softkey Corporation and yielded the highest price-to-sales ratio ever paid for a software company. This serves as testament to Mr. Dinsmore's success. He is currently using his skills and expertise as a private investor and advisor to select West Coast early-stage companies involved in the Internet, software, and consumer product area.

I take great pride in honoring my constituent, William Dinsmore for his lifetime achievement. His contributions to business and to education have enriched the lives of many throughout the country.

HONORING THE MASTERCARD-  
CARE PARTNERSHIP SUP-  
PORTING GIRLS' EDUCATION IN  
INDIA

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2000*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, we have read many accounts of the current economic revolution in India that is being driven by the technology-savvy labor force. While this movement has led to positive developments in India, there is still a serious gender-based educational divide, resulting in low literacy and education rates among women. Narrowing the divide can have a powerful impact, as noted in a recent World Bank report, *Engendering Development*. The study concluded that one of the best ways to fight world hunger and encourage global economic growth is to educate girls and women.

Today, Thursday, June 15, CARE, one of the world's largest relief and development organizations, holds its annual Capitol Hill event, "CARE Packages from Congress." At that event, CARE will announce that a donation from MasterCard International, which is headquartered in my Congressional district,

will support the completion of a six-year project for girls' education in India. The funding will provide primary education to thousands of young women in India this year. It will support 120 formal equivalent education centers serving 300 villages in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, states with the highest illiteracy rates in India. The gift is part of MasterCard's ongoing philanthropic efforts to serve youth and to improve access to education in the United States and internationally.

The project will enable 3,000 girls from the poorest areas in rural India to have access to primary education, and an estimated 25 percent of them will move on to mainstream education. Targeting girls between the ages of 6 and 14, the project plans school schedules, recruits and trains teachers, designs curricula and materials and involves the community to overcome the traditional obstacles to girls' education. With a female literacy rate of only 40 percent (compared to 64 percent for males), India has 196 million females who cannot read or write. In some rural areas, the rate for women drops to 12 percent. Currently, the school drop out rates for girls is 57 percent at the primary stage, 57 percent at the middle stage, and 74 percent at the high school stage, according to CARE statistics.

MasterCard's gift will enable CARE to provide valuable information about this alternative education program for girls to the Indian government so that it can be replicated. I congratulate CARE and MasterCard for their commitment to this very important cause.

HONORING JANET CARLSEN OF  
NEWMAN, CALIFORNIA

**HON. GARY A. CONDIT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2000*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to recognize the recipient of the John T. Silveira Award for 2000, my good friend, Janet Carlsen.

Janet is being recognized on Saturday, June 17th by the Newman Chamber of Commerce for her unselfish commitment to the community. Janet served as a member of the Newman City Council for twelve years. She then served 10 years as the first woman Mayor of Newman. Janet has never ceased to work on behalf of those who cannot help themselves. She has served with distinction on Gustine-Newman Soroptimist International, Orestimba 50-Plus Club, Newman's Women's Club, Newman Garden Club, Orestimba High School Booster Club, Rebekah Lodge, Newman Chamber of Commerce, Gustine Chamber of Commerce, the Newman Fall Festival Committee and the Stanislaus County Commission on Aging.

In 1993, Janet was recognized for her many civic contributions when the Newman City Council declared March 2, 1993 as Janet Carlsen Day. I consider it an honor to again recognize my dear friend, Janet Carlsen, for her fine leadership and dedication to our community.