

on the calendar for the people of India, as well as for the people of Indian descent who have settled in the United States and around the world. January 26th is Republic Day, an occasion that inspires pride and patriotism for the people of India.

On January 26, 1950, India became a Republic, devoted to the principals of democracy and secularism. At that time, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected as the nation's first president. Since then, despite the challenges of sustaining economic development and promoting tolerance and cooperation amongst its many ethnic, religious and linguistic communities, India has stuck to the path of free and fair elections, a multi-party political system and the orderly transfer of power from one government to its successor.

On that special day in 1950, India adopted its Constitution. Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that India derived key aspects of her Constitution, particularly its statement of Fundamental Rights, from our own Bill of Rights. Last year, on the eve of Republic Day, India's President K.R. Narayanan stated in his address to the nation: "Let us remember, it is under the flexible and spacious provisions of our Constitution, that democracy has flourished during the last fifty years and that India has achieved an unprecedented unity and cohesion as a nation and made remarkable progress in the social and economic fields."

India and the United States both proclaimed their independence from British colonial rule. The Indian independence movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi had strong moral support from American intellectuals, political leaders and journalists. Just last week, we paid tribute to one of our greatest American leaders, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King derived many of his ideas of non-violent resistance to injustice from the teachings and the actions of Mahatma Gandhi.

As the world's two largest democracies, the United States and India have a natural relationship, based on their shared values of diversity, democracy and prosperity. These two countries have steadily grown closer for the past ten years, and most recently, the United States' campaign to fight global terrorism has brought the two countries even closer.

Following the tragic events of September 11, India was one of the first countries to come forward to the United States with an offer of full assistance and cooperation in this new global fight against terrorism. Prime Minister Vajpayee expressed his deep sympathy regarding the World Trade Center attacks. The attacks in fact took the lives of 250 Indians and Indian-Americans.

Since September 11, there have been a string of terrorist attacks against India. On October 1st, a suicide car bomb exploded in front of the Jammu and Kashmir State assembly while it was in session, killing over 35 people. Cross-border terrorism in Indian-controlled parts of Kashmir has perpetuated on a daily basis. On December 13th, the Indian Parliament building in New Delhi, a great symbol of democracy, was attacked by Pakistani-based terrorists, killing nine police officers, a Parliament worker and the five terrorists. The most recent terrorist attack this past Tuesday on the American Center in Calcutta killed four police officers and wounded 19.

India has sadly been afflicted with terrorism from Pakistani-based terrorist groups that are to be blamed for over 53,000 deaths of inno-

cent Indian citizens throughout the last 15 years. These are in fact the same terrorist groups that belong to the terrorist networks the United States is now fighting against. It is only natural that these two countries are now united in the global fight against terrorism.

Although Republic Day is an occasion to celebrate India's grand achievements and strong U.S.-India ties, it is also important to note that January 26, 2002 marks the one-year anniversary of the earthquake that literally rocked Gujarat. This devastating natural disaster killed more than 20,000 people, injured more than hundreds of thousands of people and in many ways, robbed millions of their homes and their every day lives. Congress soon thereafter passed a resolution expressing their support for providing assistance and in the FY 2002 Foreign Operations bill, \$1 million will be allocated to India for natural disaster preparedness.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to note that throughout the South Asian region, India stands alone as a pillar of democracy, stability and growth. I join both Indians in India and over 1.6 million Indians living here in the United States in celebrating India's Republic Day.

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HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, in two weeks the world will descend on Salt Lake City to watch the 19th annual Winter Olympic Games. This is an exciting time, especially in my home state of Idaho, where many Idahoans are only a few hours away from witnessing an event of worldwide proportions.

Starting on February 8, the world will turn to the western United States to witness human triumph. We'll see amazing athletes compete on a world level—showing us how pushing the body and the mind can make history. But shortly, there will be another show of triumph and history. It's been occurring across the Nation one state, one town, one person, one day at a time.

While the world will see record setting athletes in Salt Lake City, every day Americans have been carrying the Olympic spirit across the United States. I rise today to honor the men and women who this weekend in Idaho will carry the Olympic flame. Each was selected from thousands of applicants. The torch carriers are everyday Idahoans who make Idaho a great place to live. They are mothers, fathers, business owners, school children, Boy Scouts, cancer survivors, volunteers and good Samaritans.

While millions will tune into the Olympics, the real stars are those citizens who make the United States the land of the free. Idahoans will see exceptional people like Jennifer Debbie who miraculously survived multiple injuries in an auto accident or World War II veteran Robert Streib who saw action in North Africa and Italy. There's also Lori Zenahlik who lost her four children and husband in an airplane crash in 1998 or Karen Dunn of Boise who survived breast cancer and volunteers daily in community affairs. Each of the torch bearers has a unique story and a once in a

lifetime opportunity to pass on the Olympic torch. I am proud of each of these Idahoans and the hundreds more who were nominated. As we look to Salt Lake city to see the spectacular show, I am pleased to honor everyday stars that live among us as our neighbors, friends and family.

As a tribute to them, I have included their names and hometowns so that all of Congress can know that Idaho stands strong and represents the Olympic spirit.

Cheryl Bolden, White Bird, ID; Larry Davis, Post Falls, ID; Lindsey Davis, Post Falls, ID; Cathleen Gephart, Coeur d'Alene, ID; Megan Rivera, Kamiah, ID; Brandy Wieggers, Moscow, ID; Dustin Ainsworth, Nampa, ID; Curt Apsey, Boise, ID; Karie Arnold, Meridian, ID; Gary Beard, Nampa, ID; Ben Blake, Nampa, ID; Jakob Bourgoin, Boise, ID; Thomas Bowman, Weiser, ID; Kristin Buchanan, Boise, ID; Tamra Buchanan, Boise, ID.

Darin Burrell, Boise, ID; Caroline Butler, Boise, ID; Eileen Butler, Boise, ID; Dustin Charters, Emmett, ID; Lance Coleman, Boise, ID; Teresa Coleman, Meridian, ID; Fred Cornforth, Caldwell, ID; Richard Cortez, Eagle, ID; Eva Cunningham, Boise, ID; Edward Davis, Boise, ID; Lynnette Davis, Boise, ID; Ava DeAngelis, Meridian, ID; Jennifer Deebie, Bosie, ID; Ralph Deklotz, Boise, ID; Karen Dunn, Boise, ID; Michael Eisenbeiss, Sr., Meridian, ID; Jenny Enochson, Eagle, ID; Jim Everett, Boise, ID; Gregory Farmer, Boise, ID; Jon Fishburn, Boise, ID.

Thomas Fleck, Boise, ID; James Freeman, Parma, ID; Nicholas Gifford, Boise, ID; Kaysha Goleman, Parma, ID; Vanessa Gomes, Middleton, ID; Mary Grant, Boise, ID; Nancy Greenwald, Boise, ID; Gary Hagler, Chubbuck, ID; Jay Scot Halladay, Boise, ID; Butch Hansen, Grand View, ID; Carolyn Holly, Boise, ID; Alain Isaac, Mountain Home, ID; Andrea Jackson, Eagle, ID; Kenny Keene, Emmett, ID; Brenda Kiser, Eagle, ID; Mitch Knothe, Boise, ID; Michelle Kormanik, Boise, ID; Theresa Korn, Boise, ID; Jentry Kuebler, Boise, ID; Ricky L. Lewis, Boise, ID; Kent Lind, Meridian, ID.

Jason Lingard, Boise, ID; Carol Lurook, Meridian, ID; Catherine Lynch, Boise, ID; Nicolas Martell, Weiser, ID; Rick Martin, Boise, ID; Kevin Maybon, Mountain Home, ID; Jennifer McPherson, Nampa, ID; Gayle Menlove, Meridian, ID; Lynn Miracle, Boise, ID; Todd Monroe, Nampa, ID; John Murray, Eagle, ID; Morley Nelson, Boise, ID; Lester P Nyborg, Eagle, ID; Darin Ogden, Eagle, ID; Elsie M Osburn, Boise, ID; Danielle Oster, Boise, ID; J Zeb Oswald, Middleton, ID; Jim Peters, Eagle, ID; Cathy Peterson, Meridian, ID; Jene Prudent, Kimberly, ID.

John Quinn, Boise, ID; Jim Rabdau, Boise, ID; Dave Rittersbacher, Council, ID; Bradley Robert, Boise, ID; Barbara Roberts, Boise, ID; David Roedel, Boise, ID; Kelsey Roedel, Boise, ID; Karla Russell, Garden Valley, ID; Douglas Sato, Boise, ID; Sharri R Shippy, Middletown, ID; Harold S Southworth, Boise, ID; Alex Spangler, Boise, ID; Meredith St. Clair, Eagle, ID; Kyle Starratt, Boise, ID; Robert Streib, Boise, ID; Ryan Sullivan, Boise, ID; Robert Teska, Nampa, ID; John Thomas, Boise, ID; Jamie Thomson, Boise, ID; Eileen Thornburgh, Boise, ID.

Bruce Turner, Boise, ID; Jose Villa, Eagle, ID; Dar Walters, Boise, ID; Matthew J Watson, Nampa, ID; Karen White, Boise, ID; Ruth Wieggers, Boise, ID; Rene Woekener, Boise,

ID; Julie Yamamoto, Caldwell, ID; Lori Zenahlik, Boise, ID; Bill Andrew, Gooding, ID; Tory Bailey, Heyburn, ID; Richard Beeson, Twin Falls, ID; Steven Bielenberg, Twin Falls, ID; Elmer Blaikie, Twin Falls, ID; Donald Campbell, Buhl, ID; Thomas Courtney, Twin Falls, ID; Curtis Eaton, Twin Falls, ID; David W Emerson, Twin Falls, ID; Dick Fosbury, Sun Valley, ID; Jennie Fullmar, Burley, ID.

Esteban Garcia, Twin Falls, ID; Garrett Garity, Twin Falls, ID; John Graham, Twin Falls, ID; Jack Harman, Rupert, ID; Lee Heider, Twin Falls, ID; Jeanette Hiner, Boise, ID; Hailey Hodges, Twin Falls, ID; Mick Hodges, Twin Falls, ID; Mary Howard, Twin Falls, ID; Karl Kleinkopf, Twin Falls, ID; Casey Lloyd, Jerome, ID; Fred Locke, Gooding, ID; Derek Mathews, Twin Falls, ID; Dale Meeks, Boise, ID; Jan Mittleider, Twin Falls, ID; Mikkel Nelson, Gooding, ID; Mike Nielsen, Twin Falls, ID; Matt Perkins, Twin Falls, ID; Carolyn Phillips, Jerome, ID; Clayton Pope, Wendell, ID.

Elizabeth Pope, Wendell, ID; Laura Rodeman, Jerome, ID; Lisa Shenk, Twin Falls, ID; Scott Stirling, Jerome, ID; Craig Stotts, Twin Falls, ID; Val Stotts, Twin Falls, ID; Rod Tatsuno, Ketchum, ID; Karen Thompson, Kimberly, ID; Sherry Watson, Twin Falls, ID; Creola Wiggins, Rupert, ID; Jody Alexander, Pocatello, ID; Arthur Bell, Inkom, ID; Josie Bell, Pocatello, ID; Kelsey Bell, Inkom, ID; Bruce Belnap, Ovid, ID; Kirk Benson, Idaho Falls, ID; Adrian Blok, Grace, ID; Casey Bowen, Pocatello, ID; Elizabeth Bowen, Pocatello, ID; Christopher Brayton, Idaho Falls, ID.

Robert Broulim, Rigby, ID; Richard Brown, Idaho Falls, ID; Mark Browning, Pocatello, ID; Patricia Burton, Rexburg, ID; Camie Carlson, Preston, ID; Paul Christiansen, Montpelier, ID; Clarence Cody, Pocatello, ID; Sean Conner, Idaho Falls, ID; Jason Coon, American Falls, ID; Adam Neil Davis, Pocatello, ID; Toni Davis, Pocatello, ID; Eric Devenberg, Pocatello, ID; Stacy Dragila, Pocatello, ID; Ann Driever, Chubbuck, ID; Jeff Duffin, Aberdeen, ID; Betti Eskelsen, Blackfoot, ID; Lyle Godfrey, Blackfoot, ID; Cody Hall, Pocatello, ID; Jami Harding, Idaho Falls, ID; Boyd F. Henderson, Pocatello, ID.

Brett Hill, Shelley, ID; Judy Holmes, Pocatello, ID; Snookins Honena, Blackfoot, ID; Fran Hurley, Idaho Falls, ID; Kenneth Huskinson, Pocatello, ID; Stacy Hyde, Pocatello, ID; Dennis Jackson, Roberts, ID; Julie Jackson, Idaho Falls, ID; Ame Joe Jefferis, Blackfoot, ID; Jennifer Jenson, Idaho Falls, ID; Justin John, Soda Springs, ID; Lisa Jolley, Shelley, ID; Paul Keller, Jackson, WY; Judy Korth, Idaho Falls, ID; Lauren Koss, Idaho Falls, ID; Lori Kruse, Swan Valley, ID; Cynthia Likes, Idaho Falls, ID; Howard Manwaring, Pocatello, ID; Keny McCandless, Idaho Falls, ID; Steven Morris, Pocatello, ID.

Lacey Moser, Preston, ID; RoxAnn Olsen, Little Rock, AR; Chris Osborne, Fort Hall, ID; Lavell Pack, Idaho Falls, ID; Raymond Parks, Blackfoot, ID; Molly Philipp, Idaho Falls, ID; Steven Philipp, Idaho Falls, ID; Ted Potter, Idaho Falls, ID; John Rainy, Fort Hall, ID; Ron Ramer, Idaho Falls, ID; John Ratcliff, Idaho Falls, ID; Lee Reilly, Pocatello, ID; Bryce Rydall, Rexburg, ID; Mark Sabel, Blackfoot, ID; Mack Shirley, Rexburg, ID; Mitchell Shirley, Rexburg, ID; Leslie Soderquist, Idaho Falls, ID; Randy Somsen, Sugar City, ID; Bruce Steege, Idaho Falls, ID; Frank Szelmeczka, Pocatello, ID; Ella Tam, Idaho Falls, ID; Fran Taylor, Blackfoot, ID; Jedd

Thomas, Pocatello, ID; Dustin Van Engelen, Chubbuck, ID; Robin Villarreal-Ratcliff, Idaho Falls, ID; Eddie Young, Idaho Falls, ID.

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to honor the many Catholic elementary schools and high schools through the 27th Congressional District of California, which I am proud to represent. On January 27th, a weeklong celebration of Catholic Schools will begin. Catholic Schools Week is sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Catholic Conference and recognizes the outstanding educational contributions of America's catholic schools.

The Catholic schools in my district are acclaimed for their academic excellence and are committed to an education which emphasizes the lifelong development of intellectual, social, and moral values. Catholic schools boast a 95 percent graduation rate and 83 percent of Catholic school graduates pursue college degrees. These impressive statistics are certainly a testament to the Catholic school concept of life-long learning.

While Catholic schools set high educational standards, they are also vigorously pursuing the idea that their students must be committed to their community. Catholic school students are responsible for countless hours of volunteer service not only to their individual Catholic communities but also to our community in general.

I can certainly attest to the values of a Catholic school education, as three members of my staff are graduates of both Catholic elementary schools and high schools. The Catholic schools of my district play a pivotal role in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for our nation. And so it is with pride in representing such valuable institutions that I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Catholic schools of the 27th Congressional District and our entire Nation.

HONORING UAW LOCAL 599 REUTHER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the ten recipients of the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award. These ten individuals will be honored at a banquet to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at United Auto Workers Local 599 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. I am particularly pleased to recognize these persons because UAW Local 599 was my father's local.

The ten recipients of this award are persons who have diligently served their union for many years. They have demonstrated a commitment to improved working conditions for their brothers and sisters. Over the years each has served the UAW and the community with dedication.

Walter Reuther believed in helping people, and he believed in human dignity and social justice for all. The recipients of the award named in his honor have displayed the same determination to achieving these ideals and principles. Both individually and as a group the recipients of this award are hardworking, perceptive, thoughtful, and responsive. Their insights into the ever changing workplace have helped to develop the strong position Local 599 holds in the Flint community.

The ten persons honored at the banquet are Benigo Cortez, Franklin D. Tinnin, Edward DeKruiger, Dennis C. Cannon, Herbert S. Kern, Leo James Dolehanty, Gerald (Jerry) Link, Robert E. Boone, Gerald W. Scott, and William C. Lucas II. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these individuals for their tireless efforts to make this a better place to live and work.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" SHEA

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to a great and honorable man from northern New York—Mr. John "Jack" Shea.

Let me begin my remarks by stating how deeply saddened I was to learn of the passing of John Shea—a consummate gentleman, a proven leader, and a North Country hero to all of us. Jack, as he was known to anyone who met him, was looking forward to seeing his grandson, Jim Shea, Jr., compete in next month's Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Sadly, that opportunity has been taken away from him and his family at the hands of a senseless, and regrettably, preventable act. This country as well as northern New York, has lost a great statesman and a good friend.

Like so many others who have met him through the years I considered Jack Shea a personal friend, and I was privileged to have known him. Each time we met I went away feeling not only better of myself, but of the world around me. Jack had the ability to convey warmth and goodwill that is sadly found in too few people today. His spirit, his generosity toward others, and his general outlook on family and life will always be remembered.

Throughout his life Jack Shea was a tremendous ambassador for the Olympic movement, and he worked tirelessly in successfully bringing back the Winter Olympics to his hometown, Lake Placid. The place where he experienced some of his greatest triumphs, and sadly the place where it tragically came to an end this past Tuesday. He embodied everything the Olympics stand for—goodwill, national pride, and the love for competition. But, perhaps one of his greatest attributes was his high sense of moral integrity. After winning two gold medals in the 1932 Winter Games Jack would have been the odds-on favorite to repeat his conquests in the next Olympics. However, in deference to the local Jewish community, Jack boycotted the games being held in Nazi Germany. It was exactly this type of unselfish behavior that made Jack Shea the great man that he was.

While there are no words that can take away the pain his family and friends are experiencing, I would like to offer them my sincerest condolences. I hope that his family is