

"This shows that there is no freedom for minorities in India," Dr. Aulakh said. "For minorities, India is no democracy," he said. "As U.S. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher said, for the minorities 'India might as well be Nazi Germany.'"

"I urge President Clinton and Ambassador Richard Celeste to confront India on these brutal murders, as well as the recent harassment of journalist Sukhbir Singh Osan, getting Sikh and other political prisoners released, and the ongoing, massive, and brutal human-rights violations against Sikhs and other minorities," Dr. Aulakh said. "If the United States wants to see an end to these incidents, it should support self-determination for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and all the other nations seeking their freedom from India," Dr. Aulakh said. "Only a free Khalistan will end India's corruption, tyranny and genocide against the Sikh Nation," he said. "India is on the verge of disintegration. The Sikh leadership should immediately begin a Shantmai Morcha to liberate our homeland, Khalistan."

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MASSACRED SIKHS IDENTIFIED

SRINAGAR.—The 35 Sikhs massacred at Chatti-Singpora in south Kashmir late last night by unknown armed persons have been identified. Following is the list of people killed by militants: Rajinder Singh (42), Karnail Singh (35), Rajan Singh (40), Naranjan Singh (50), Gurdeep Singh (25), Ajeetpal Singh (22), Joginder Singh (26), Gurbax Singh (35), Uttam Singh (30), Surjit Singh (22), Majit Singh (30), Devinder Singh (18), Rajinder Singh (35), Reshpal Singh (40), Gurmeeek Singh (35), Sukha Singh (53), Ravi Singh (38), Jangbhadur Singh (36), Rajdeep Singh (18), Naseeb Singh (50), Kulbeer Singh (20), Darban Singh (28), Deader Singh (50), Gurmeet Singh (22), Ujal Singh (28), Charan Singh (50), Sartaj Singh (30), Rajnath Singh (45), Faqir Singh (65), Karnail Singh (45), Sheetal Singh (66), Ravinder Singh (22), Jagdesh Singh (25), Sagir Singh (60), and Sartaj Singh (26). One Devinder Kaur died of heart attack following the massacre.

IN TRIBUTE TO BRUCE DOWNING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting and recognition dinner of the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, at which Bruce Downing of Winchester, Virginia, received the 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award.

I would like to share with our colleagues the outstanding community service work of Mr. Downing, who was cited in one award nominating letter as "a giant among men in this community. His calm, reassuring manner, his generosity, and his compassion for others are without measure. Bruce Downing has made the community a better place to live. He is a hero."

Mr. Downing, 52, began his community service in the mid-1960's when his college fraternity helped special needs children at a local school. He later became a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other organizations

including Grafton School, Access Independence, Help with Housing, ABBA Pregnancy Care Center, and numerous United Way boards and others.

He and his wife, Donna, also donated one of their own family vans with a special wheelchair lift to a family in need.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Downing represents the thousands upon thousands of giving and caring Americans who reach out as volunteers to help their fellow citizens. They do so not for any honors or recognition that may come their way; rather they do it with generous hearts because they want to make a difference in people's lives.

We salute Bruce Downing and all the other volunteers of the United Way and the many other volunteer organizations who lend a helping hand every day of the year to serve their communities. They are indeed heroes.

HONORING TRISH ARREDONDO

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trish Arredondo for her lifelong contributions to the health and well being of Northwest Indiana. This is a very special pleasure as Trish is a close personal friend. I have known her for the better part of two decades and have seen firsthand the efforts of her dynamic accomplishments on behalf of her friends, neighbors, and community.

Trish Arredondo is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of the Planned Parenthood Association of Northwest/Northeast Indiana. During Trish's tenure, Planned Parenthood has made a vast impact on our community in the areas of both health care and education. The organization has grown three fold in the number of clients, and has tripled the geographic area served.

Trish spearheaded a capital campaign that has allowed the organization to purchase its headquarters and originate a "mini-grant" awards program designed to bring research funding to special aspects of women's health care such as breast cancer. She has been instrumental in increasing public awareness in women's health issues such as cervical cancer and teen pregnancy. Under her direction, the organization increased its medical services to include testing for Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B. Planned Parenthood is the sole provider of health care services for 75 percent of the 40,000 patients it serves annually. This evolution of the organization's role in community care has become an invaluable part of Northwest Indiana's health care system.

In addition to her role in Planned Parenthood, Trish Arredondo also gives much of her time back to the community. She is a member of the Northwest Indiana Executive Council, the Governor's Council on Health Care 2000, the Rape Task Force, the Welfare to Work Council, and is a charter member of the Northwest Council for Teen Pregnancy. She is a past member of the Northern Indiana Arts Association and was named as one of the most influential women in Northwest Indiana by the Times newspaper in March, 1997.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Trish Arredondo for her professional achievements and her many years of dedication to the betterment of our community. We in Northwest Indiana are truly thankful to have someone of Trish's talents on our team. Her life's work has been on behalf of those less fortunate in our community, and we are extremely grateful for her dedication and perseverance. Please join me in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF LEOCADIA
VASQUEZ VALENCIA**

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I inform my colleagues of the passing of a great individual, a person who graced our world and our lives with so much love and compassion.

Leocadia V. Valencia, the mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother passed away, on her Sabbath day, Saturday, February 19, 2000 in California. She was 98 years of age. Born in Matehuala, Mexico, wife of Felix G. Valencia, Pastor in the Church of God 7th Day. She was a long-time resident of Sacramento, California.

Leocadia lived a very full and very fulfilling life, a life graced by her husband, who passed away four years ago (December 12, 1995), with whom she has been blessed by sixteen children: Survived by Carrol Cervantes, Sophia Rivas, Felix Valencia, Hope Brocklehurst, Matthew Valencia, Ruth Gomez, Mary McAuliffe, Paul Valencia, Lydia Hanzalik, Ruby Valencia, Rachel Sidhu, Sam Valencia. Survived by two sisters; Margarita Garnica, Micaela Perea. Extended mother to the following grandchildren: Yolanda Velasquez, Steve Valencia, Linda Macias, Terry Adame, Ernest Valencia and numerous grand children, great grand children, great-great grandchildren. These children and many grandchildren brought tremendous joy and inspiration into their lives.

Leocadia was and remains so much a tremendous person in our thoughts and in our memories. We appreciate so much and will long remember the many good and positive things she brought into our lives, and most of all her faith and love for God.

I join with Leocadia friends and family members in honoring such a truly remarkable and outstanding person, a mother, grandmother, a great-grandmother and great-great grandmother, to all of those who loved her so much.

Leocadia gave so much to those she loved, and each of us is better and more fortunate for what she unselfishly gave to us and gave to our world, a world made so much brighter and more gentler by her life and her presence.

Mr. Speaker, we are all gifted by the lives of mothers and grandmothers who do so much in guiding our lives and providing us comfort and proper direction. I join with all of those who loved Leocadia V. Valencia in extending our prayers, knowing that God's heaven is blessed and graced by one of his most beautiful and loving Angels. I ask God's peace