TRIBUTE TO THE LATE EARL T. SHINHOSTER

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Earl T. Shinhoster who tragically lost his life last Sunday, and to offer my condolences to his wife, Ruby, and son, Michael. Earl Shinhoster was a family man and friend on a private level, and a national hero in the civil rights movement through his involvement in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on a very public level. His efforts were far reaching, and noticed across the nation, including the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina which I represent.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, Shinhoster grew up in the eastside neighborhoods and graduated from Tomkins High School and Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. His first involvement in the civil rights movement was in the 1960s as a member of the Connie Wimberly Youth Council.

Shinhoster will be fondly remembered for many achievements, but perhaps most for his 30 years of dedicated service to the NAACP. He served in many senior positions, including National Field Secretary. He also served as acting Executive Director and Chief Economic Officer from August 1994 through 1996. During this time, the NAACP went through a period of unprecedented growth going from 600,000 members to nearly 1 million. Shinhoster is also credited with helping the NAACP out of a period of considerable financial instability and internal strife. Shinhoster 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.
Among the signatories of last month’s statement were Hasan Manzur, 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 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.

Indians are “deeply disturbed about the virulent, 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 by the people. . . . Social, cultural and religious minorities are the constant targets of these 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.”

“People have been told that theirgrp. The rights 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 last month in the north Indian state of Bihar. “We are dismayed at the direction in which the country is going,” 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.”

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 “seanchai.” 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 arena as a member of the Republican party 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 today and for the future.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM DINSMORE OF CALIFORNIA 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 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