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 “seanchaí.” He functions in all 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 in an 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
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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 Lifelong 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 SUPPORTING GIRLS’ EDUCATION IN INDIA

HON. NITA M. LOWEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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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