

RECOGNIZING MARION SHROYER

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Ms. Marion Shroyer of Vandalia, Illinois for all her outstanding contributions towards her community.

Marion has received several awards for her outstanding public service. She has received the "Abe Award," which is presented to a person for their outstanding contributions to their community. A tree was planted, in her honor, on the lawn of the Old State Capitol of Illinois for her outstanding citizenship.

She is an active leader in her church and dedicates much of her time to helping the elderly by taking them to the hospital and visiting with them in the nursing homes. Marion is an active leader in the Schoroptomist Club and has been a Real Estate Broker for over 20 years. She is a mother of two, a grandmother of six, a great grandmother of three and a role model for us all.

I want to applaud Marion for all her years of service to the great townspeople of Vandalia. For all you have done and continue to do, I thank you.

RECOGNIZING DR. EDISON O. JACKSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edison O. Jackson, President of the Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York. Dr. Jackson, a resident of Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, and a member of the Ministerial staff of Bridge Street A.M.E. Church, is a outstanding citizen and a pillar of our community.

Born in Heathsville, Virginia, Dr. Jackson received a B.S. in Zoology, followed by a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from Howard University. He began his career in education in the field of counseling, where he served for almost four years. In 1969, he was named Dean of Student Affairs at Essex County College in New Jersey, where he distinguished himself to the point that he was promoted to the position of Vice President of Student Affairs. In 1983, Dr. Edison was named Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Essex County College. In that same year, he received a Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University with academic emphasis on philosophy, function, role and administration of urban educational institutions. During these many years, Dr. Edison achieved numerous remarkable accomplishments so, when he accepted the position of President of Medgar Evers College in 1989, he brought with him a wealth of experience and knowledge in administering the affairs of educational institutions.

Dr. Jackson currently holds memberships on a number of civic, educational and community organizations. His affiliations with professional and national organizations run the gamut from the American Association of Higher Education,

to the President's Round Table and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Dr. Jackson has also written extensively on issues of concern to educators, with particular concentration on minority students and the community, academic preparation and student performance.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to note that Dr. Jackson is married to Florence E. Jackson, and is the proud father of two children: Eulaynea and Terrance. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the lifelong efforts of Dr. Edison O. Jackson, and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2000*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On the first amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from Oklahoma, Mr. COBURN, I would have voted "nay."

On the first amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from California, Mr. ROYCE, I would have voted "nay."

On the amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY, I would have voted "yea."

On the second amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from California, Mr. ROYCE, I would have voted "nay."

On the second amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from Oklahoma, Mr. COBURN, I would have voted "yea."

On the amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. SANFORD, I would have voted "nay."

IN CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to spread the word. I spread the word of the many thousands of successful people with disabilities who have benefitted from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the tenth anniversary of this historic legislation.

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. The nation's handicapped community was presented with perhaps their most important legislation in the history of the United States. With the signing of this bill, handicapped individuals were given the opportunity and the access to have their incredible potential recognized. For ten years now, the ADA has extended the American

dream to millions of Americans with disabilities. With this act, America has become a better nation.

Paying tribute to this momentous event, I commemorate the Disability Coalition Movement of Cleveland in creating "ADA Day—A Celebration". In sponsoring this event, the communities of Northeast Ohio are recognizing the previous accomplishments of the ADA, and envisioning the future success that will inevitably come. By bringing together area disabled and non-disabled for a celebration, ADA Day will further encourage a dialogue of anti-discrimination. ADA Day will continue to spread the word for all to hear.

Throughout my district and throughout our nation, handicapped individuals have impacted their neighborhoods. A message of awareness and understanding has been spread, and this message must only get louder.

The tenth anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act is a time commemorating handicapped people and applauding events like ADA Day—A Celebration. My fellow colleagues, please join me in spreading this important word.

HONORING DR. ANTANAS RAZMA

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Dr. Antanas Razma, this year's recipient of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Man of the Year Award. This award is given to outstanding individuals who have contributed so much towards the advancement of their fellow man.

Dr. Razma is being honored for his dedication to Lithuania and for establishing the Lithuanian Foundation. As co-chairman of the House of Representatives Baltic Caucus, I want to congratulate and thank him for all that he has done and will continue to do for the people of Lithuania.

WE NEED JUSTICE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SURPLUS

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2000*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, today's New York Times reports that Democrats are showing greater interest in tax cuts. On the floor of this House at the beginning of this year I said that a tax cut was inevitable in this election year. Those of us who represent the "Caring Majority" must make certain that this coming tax cut benefits those most in need of relief. We must start with a cut in the payroll taxes. And beyond tax cuts we must spread the benefits of our blessed surplus to those in greatest need. We need more housing; we need prescription drug benefits. We need to invest heavily in education to guarantee American prosperity for the future. The following "Chant" sums up my position on this pivotal national decision.

CHANT FOR SURPLUS JUSTICE  
People in need

Have no fear,  
Budget surplus facts prove  
There's 200 Billion this year;  
People in need  
Challenge what you hear,  
The Nation needs your votes  
And your voices loud and clear;

Read our lips,  
The B word is Billion,  
In ten years racing  
All the way to three Trillion;

People in need  
Have no fear  
Both Compassionate Conservatives  
And Democratic Idealists  
Have rhetoric running full gear:  
Prescription medicare benefits,  
Phased family health care  
The fantasy finished New Deal  
Was never so near;

People in need  
Challenge What you hear,  
More than rich tax cuts  
Must be spread on the table;

Deficit paralysis  
Is a rotting fable—  
End U.S. Gulag incarceration  
Demand ten percent of leftovers  
to revamp education,  
Build houses for seniors  
And families with low incomes,  
Round out the rhetoric,  
Allocate desperately needed sums;

Not a single hungry child should cry,  
For lack of a pill  
No elderly mother should die;

People in Need  
Challenge what you hear,  
The Nation needs your votes—  
And your voices loud and clear.

INTRODUCTION OF RECOGNITION  
OF THE KING SALMON TRADI-  
TIONAL VILLAGE AND THE  
SHOONAQ' TRIBE OF KODIAK

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation which will provide for the recognition of the King Salmon Traditional Village and the Shoonaq' Tribe of Kodiak, Alaska. For the past twenty years these two villages have worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of the Interior to seek tribal recognition. They have gone through the process at the Department of the Interior and it is now time to grant them recognition.

I have two other villages going through the recognition process at the Department of the Interior, and if at time of mark-up of this bill they have addressed the concerns of the Department, we may include the two other villages from Alaska in this bill.

ATROCITIES AGAINST CHRISTIANS  
IN INDIA

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, recently a list was published of atrocities against Christians

ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS (JANUARY–MAY 2000)

[Sources: the Indian Currents, 21 May, 2000]

in India from January to May of this year. It listed 38 specific incidents just in a period of five months. This should indicate the depth of India's religious terrorism against Christians.

On July 8 and 9, two more churches were bombed. The pattern of Indian terrorism against its minorities continues.

It is not just the Christians who are being attacked. In March, the Indian government massacred 35 Sikhs in the village of Chithi Singhpora. This was confirmed by two separate investigations. Some of our colleagues may deny it, but the evidence is clear. This, too, is part of the Indian government's pattern of repression.

This pattern of repression and terrorism must be stopped. The U.S. Congress must take strong action. We should cut off aid to India until this terrorism stops. India should be declared a terrorist nation, as 21 of us recently urged the President to do. And Congress should support self-determination for the people of Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and all the minority nations seeking their freedom from India. Self-determination is the cornerstone of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the atrocity list I mentioned earlier into the RECORD for the information of my colleagues.

S. No.	Date	Place/State	Description
1	January	Philliaur, Punjab	Sts. Peter and Paul Church robbed.
2	January	Philliaur, Punjab	St. Joseph's Convent robbed.
3	Jan. 3	Gajapati, Orissa	17, Dalit Christian house torched, 12 killed.
4	Jan. 9	Panipat, Haryana	Fr. Vikas of St. Mary's Church attacked.
5	Feb. 4	Raigarh, MP	Hostel forced to closed down.
6	Feb. 20	Pudiyattuvil, Kerala	Statues of Mary destroy.
7	Feb. 20	Sevit, Gujarat	Protestant Church damaged.
8	March 6	Mysore, Karnataka	BD threatens Bishop Roy to install Hindu statue in Churches.
9	March 8	Basara, Panipat, Haryana	Isa Mata Church attacked.
10	March 12	Panipat, Haryana	St. Mary's Church attacked.
11	March 12	Suryanagar, UP	Media Computer Centre robbed.
12	March 17	Changanacherry, Kerala	St. Berchman's College Chapel desecrated, robbed.
13	March 31	Agra UP	Police lock up two priests without charge.
14	March 31	Bulandshaher, UP	Nirmala School
15	March 31	Dasna, Masuri, UP	Fr. S. George, Christ Vihar School attacked robbed.
16	April 3	Panaji, Goa	Priest and 21 Catholics wounded by police.
17	April 5	Barwatoli, Bihar	5 Oran Catholic tribals kidnapped, 2 killed.
18	April 6	Mathura, UP	Sacred Heart School Principal Sr. Maria Pereira attacked.
19	April 7	Belatanr, Giridih Bihar	Holy Cross Convent watchman shot dead.
20	April 9	Bettiah, Bihar	Jesuit Social Centre (READ) stoned.
21	April 10	Mathura Cantt, UP	Fr. Joseph Dabre, St. Dominic School attacked.
22	April 11	Kosikalan, Haryana	Fr. K.K. Thomas and maid beaten up, house looted.
23	April 11	Kosikalan Haryana	St. Teresa's School looted, Srs. Mary and Gloria beaten.
24	April 14	Khagaria Bihar	50 Christians in Charismatic prayer attacked.
25	April 15	Timerpur, Bijmor, UP	Convent, three Catholic homes attacked.
26	April 16	Babupet, Chanda	Maharashtra Convent tabernacle robbed.
27	April 21	Agra, UP	Bajrang Dal attack 14 neo Christians.
28	April 22	Rajabari, Assam	Priest and 2 brothers seriously beaten in Church robbery.
29	April 22	Rewari, Haryana	Two nuns attacked, hit by scooter.
30	May 3	Paricha Jhansi, UP	Chapel desecrated, nuns attacked, robbed.
31	May 3	Dangs, Gujarat	13 Evangelist arrested for holding prayer.
32	May 4	Patna, Bihar	St. Xavier's School principal Fr. A.B. Peter Sj accused of sodomy.
33	May 5	Anabha, Gujarat	8 Protestant missionaries attacked with swords, Bibles burnt.
34	May 5	Bhojpur, Bihar	Mary's statue smashed.
35	May	Uchhal Taluka, Gujarat	Rev. Jhalam Singh attacked, Church damaged.
36	May 9	Nashik, Maharashtra	Protestant Shelter School for Tribal girls attacked.
37	May 11	Indore, MP	Fire bomb thrown at Dialogue Centre, 3 churches attacked.
38	May 11	Anekal, Karnataka	Anthony Selva, Jesuit student stabbed.