

14.52 hrs.

Title: Resolution regarding condemning intended acts of destroying statues of Buddha and buddhist shrines in Bamiyan in Afghanistan (Resolution Adopted).

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I place the following resolution in this regard before the House.

"Today, in this new millennium, when all civilizations are coming together through dialogue and shared values, we are shocked by the Taliban announcements of intended acts of religious fundamentalism and terrorism against human culture and civilization. They have moved tanks and guns to destroy one of the greatest examples of human creativity. This intent of destroying the two thousand year old statues of Buddha and the Buddhist shrines in Bamiyan would constitute an appalling act of cultural vandalism.

This House unanimously condemns the barbarism and anti-civilizational intent of the Taliban in Afghanistan in the strongest possible terms. We hope the world community and especially the United Nations will take note of this and prevail upon the Taliban regime in Afghanistan to desist from this senseless destructive act. "

I take it that the resolution is adopted unanimously.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.
