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The mayor thanked Assemblymember Catherine Nolan (D-Ridgewood) for helping to make the zones a reality by sponsoring and guiding legislation that calls for their creation through the state legislature.

Seeks Higher Penalties For Delivery Attacks

Citing the frequent violent attacks on food delivery workers, Assemblymember Jimmy Meng plans to seek increased penalties for these crimes as a way of discouraging them.

The latest attack occurred last Wednesday night in Hollis as a deliveryman, Shi Yai Yan, was shot and seri-

ously wounded by two robbers who took the \$19.25 order he carried. A bullet just missed his heart, sparing his life.

Meng's bill would increase the penalty for attacks on delivery men, making them a B felony. Meng said, "The public needs to know that an attack on a delivery person is an attack on the security of a community. These people's lives are valued and for those who choose to senselessly and viciously attack them need to be punished."

Crowley Supports Indian Nuke Initiative

Congressmember Joseph Crowley, addressing the House International Relations Committee, voiced strong support for the proposed Indian civil-

ian nuclear initiative, declaring it would be a chance to bring India into the nuclear non proliferation tent by opening its civilian facilities to International Atomic Energy Agency inspections."

Crowley also stated, "This initiative is, first and foremost, an energy deal that would provide one of the world's fastest growing economies with access to the much needed power to continue to develop in the 21st century."

Crowley (D-Queens/The Bronx), who visited India while on a diplomatic trip in February, reiterated his commitment to support pending legislation that would approve the civilian nuclear deal.

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