

H. Res. 886

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

April 14, 2008.

Whereas on Sunday, December 9, 2007, a man entered the New Life Church property with the intent to cause harm to members and guests of the church;

Whereas the attacker shot 5 bystanders at the New Life Church, killing 2 of them and injuring 3 others;

Whereas the shooting resulted in the tragic loss of Stephanie Works, 18, and Rachel Works, 16, who lost their lives from wounds sustained from shots fired by the attacker;

Whereas the attacker wounded David Works, who was still hospitalized days after the shootings, Judy Purcell, and Larry Bourbannais;

Whereas Jeanne Assam, a volunteer private security guard, heroically rushed into harm's way and used her own gun to stop the shooter, thereby saving the lives of several other bystanders;

Whereas the quick response of private security, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Springs Police Department, the Colorado Springs Fire Department, the Colorado Springs SWAT Team, Federal authorities, and medical professionals limited the danger to the church and local community;

Whereas this event occurred only hours after another tragic and fatal shooting, which occurred at the Youth With A Mission facility, located in Arvada, Colorado;

Whereas the shooting at Youth With A Mission resulted in the death of Tiffany Johnson, 26, and Philip Crouse, 24;

Whereas the attacker seriously wounded Dan Griebenow and Charlie Blanch; and

Whereas local first responders in the city of Arvada and in Jefferson County, Colorado, responded quickly and professionally, thereby saving wounded individuals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) offers its heartfelt condolences to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Arvada, Colorado; and

(2) conveys its gratitude to Jeanne Assam, city and county officials, as well as the police, fire, sheriff, Federal authorities, and emergency medical teams whose quick response saved lives.

Attest:

Clerk.