

memorial, a museum, a center of Holocaust scholarship, and a promoter of tolerance and preventer of genocide. It is a very powerful symbol of the solidarity of America with those murdered in the Holocaust, and with the Jewish people.

Mr. Speaker, at this critical moment we need government officials at all levels to denounce, without hesitation or delay, every anti-Semitic act wherever and whenever it occurs. No exceptions. At this moment, not to speak out enables the purveyors of hate. They never take a holiday or grow weary, nor should we.

Just as Mr. Brunn attacked the Holocaust Memorial Museum and murdered a courageous security officer tasked with its protection, Holocaust remembrance and tolerance education must dramatically expand, and we need to ensure that our respective laws punish those who hate and incite violence against Jews.

Finally, if we are to protect our children from the evil of anti-Semitism, we must reeducate ourselves and systematically educate our children. While that starts in our homes, the classroom must be the incubator of tolerance. It seems to me that only the most hardened racist can remain unmoved by Holocaust education and remembrance. Only the most crass, evil, and prejudiced among us can study the horrors of the Holocaust and not cry out: Never again!

RECOGNIZING MORGAN ARANDA

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Morgan Aranda, a student of Newberry Academy in Chicago. She has come to Washington, D.C. this week to compete in the 2009 National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland.

National History Day was started in 1974 with the intent of improving the historical literacy and research skills of junior high and high school aged children. Despite its name, National History Day has a variety of programs year-round, including its week-long national contest in which Morgan is a chosen participant. With the guidance and support of countless parents, teachers and friends, 500,000 students are able to participate in National History Day events annually. As Morgan and her fellow young historians would likely agree, the National History Day's motto, "it's not just a day, it's an experience," rings true.

Morgan has been selected to represent Illinois for her junior individual performance entitled "Alexander Polikoff and the Fight for Fair Housing." Her work is the culmination of many hours of research and multiple public performances. Morgan's dedication, discipline and talent are undeniable.

I'm honored to recognize Morgan and her achievements as a young historian. What she has accomplished already in her life are the beginnings of a bright and successful future and I wish her the best of luck at the competition and onward.

WOUNDED VETERAN JOB SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of our brave men and women in the Armed Forces who are returning to our nation in increased numbers to find that their employment prospects are limited because they have chosen to fight for our great nation. The detrimental effect of multiple deployments upon our soldiers has been increasingly seen and documented in an effort to ameliorate the situation. Yet those soldiers who have chosen the route towards getting help whatever their ailment may be, from physical wounds to psychological are now being ostracized.

It is our duty as a nation and government to protect those who have so valiantly fought for our freedoms. Our objectives should be to make sure that they are included in the process of reestablishing our economy in the most vital way possible—employment. Not only should we fight for their inclusion, but we should also help them in providing the tools necessary for them to fairly compete in the job market whether it is psychological counseling for trauma experienced while in combat or job training to bolster the unique skill sets they have acquired during their time in the service.

Our fellow soldiers are part of the fabric that weaves the story of our great nation. They are the seams of the garment that bring us all together despite our backgrounds or cultures. Without them we as a nation will fall apart. It is up to us to reinforce the stitching that keeps us together—we need to do whatever it takes to keep them strong and viable.

This is why I am in support of H.R. 466 which advocates for the end of discrimination towards our soldiers who have left the service with more than they enlisted. Many return to us suffering from the trauma of the wars and others with wounds that only time may be able to heal. I call upon the Members of Congress and the nation to support our men and women in uniform.

HONORING FRED CORUM

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a gentleman who has left an impact on every county in Congressional District and touched the lives of everyone in East Tennessee, whether they may know it or not.

Fred Corum exemplifies the concept of government and community service. As the Director of the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Region One, Fred has devoted a long career to the safety and quality-of-life of east Tennesseans.

Fred is celebrating his much earned retirement today with a gift back to the people he served: the completion of SmartFix40. This project is the most expensive in state history, reconfiguring Interstate 40 as it crosses through downtown Knoxville. SmartFix40 is not a venture he took lightly.

This massive project required the closure of Interstate 40—a main east to west coast corridor—for fourteen months. The night before the closure, Fred says he could not sleep, and there were plenty more sleepless nights to come. We can only hope that all government servants devote such care and commitment to their work.

Every project Fred has overseen is a true testament to his character, and there was no one more qualified than him to lead the SmartFix40 project. Fred has been on the job with the Tennessee Department of Transportation since 1954, a career that has spanned 53 years and 10 Governors.

As an entry-level worker in 1954, Fred planted stakes in the ground to mark the route of future roads for \$150 a month. Eventually, he was promoted to maintenance supervisor for a large portion of my Congressional District, back in a time when there was a lot more snow to deal with. As his career spanned the 1980s, Fred witnessed the advent of the age of conservation, navigating water pollution issues, wildlife preservation, and erosion.

Governor Lamar Alexander appointed Fred the Director of Region One in 1985, and although he thought his job would be up at the end of the Governor's term, he was kept in the position through three more administrations.

Today, decades after he drove his first stake into the ground, Fred is on hand for the reopening of Interstate 40 and the completion of SmartFix40. He goes out at the top of his game, leaving for all East Tennesseans a reconfigured, aesthetically pleasing, and modern stretch of highway.

Fred's ascent through the ranks of the Tennessee Department of Transportation to Director of Region One is an example to all who enter government service. His wife, Loretta, their two sons, four grandchildren, and great-grandson have reason to be very proud.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to call the remarkable service of Fred Corum to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD, and wish Fred a very happy retirement.

CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF DR. GEORGE TILLER

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 505, condemning the murder of Dr. George Tiller. Dr. Tiller was shot to death at his church on May 31, 2009. It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart that I extend my condolences to his friends and family.

A sixty-seven-year-old physician, a husband, a father of four, and a grandfather of ten, Dr. Tiller dedicated his life to providing family and community health care services in Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Tiller's murder leaves in its wake an unsettling sense of grief and sadness that continues to ripple its way through countless communities of patients, colleagues, friends and family members. To the legions of admirers who view the care that he provided as an essential option for the women most in need, he will be sorely missed.

Dr. Tiller was beloved for his professionalism, his compassion and sensitivity. He

showed unwavering courage and commitment to his patients. Dr. Tiller deserves to be acknowledged for the service that he provided to his community. His senseless murder must be strongly condemned. A truly democratic society includes a thriving atmosphere of political debate and dialogue, regardless of the intensity of the debate. The use of violence and murder as a means to express dissent is not only undemocratic, but simply unacceptable.

I strongly support this important bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H. Res. 505.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following vote I missed due to being delayed at a committee hearing.

On Thursday, June 11, 2009, I missed roll-call vote No. 332. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 332.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF LADISLAW "TANNY" BACA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay special tribute to the life of a loving husband and grandfather, my brother, Ladislao "Tanny" Baca, of Barstow, CA. Tanny passed away June 6, 2009, at the age of 69 after complications with a brave life-long battle with diabetes.

Born in Las Nuetras, New Mexico January 8, 1940, Tanny made an impressionable impact on all he came in contact with. Tanny was widely admired by family, friends and colleagues. He was hard-working, dedicated, committed, disciplined, loving, supporting. Even though his bark was worse than his bite, he was a kind and loving brother, husband, father and grandfather.

For 16 years he worked as a Switch Man and Local Engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad in Barstow, CA. He worked and retired after 19 years as a Local Engineer at the Marine Base in Yermo, CA. Tanny also honorably served 16 years with the National Guard.

He is remembered by most as a generous man who always had time to share with others. His giving spirit will be missed by his community. He loved his brothers and sisters especially Florenio, Morris, Raymond, Lupe and Theresa. He enjoyed spending time loving us all. He was everything you would want in a brother, son, husband, and grandfather. Tanny enjoyed spending time in his garage. He and his brothers, Florenio and Morris would love to hang out and just enjoy their time there. Tanny also spent time in his garage helping teenagers, seniors and others with limited resources work on their cars. He was less worried about being paid and always happy to help those in need. He was that kind of man. Even though he was Lupe Napier's lit-

tle brother, he would help take care of her. He was always willing to give her a hand with her car, and moving whatever she needed, he was always there to help her.

On behalf of my brother I would like to share a message from him to his children, Toby, Nick, and Liz. "Even though we were separated, in my heart I never stopped loving and caring for you." To all his children, he loved you all very much.

I would also like to share a few memories from his wife and several of his children.

The thing I remember most is when we went to Las Vegas to get married and the judge said, "Do you take this man Ladislao Baca as your husband?" and I said, "What?" because I only knew him as Tanny. Later we all laughed about it because we thought it was funny and the judge thought that she wants to marry this man and she does not even know his name. Edwina Baca, Wife.

Dad no matter what, you were always there for us, through good and bad times, we always will respect and love you, and you will be in our hearts forever. Liz Pullen, Toby and Nick Connolly, Daughter and Sons.

My dad was a caring and loving man. He never let anyone be without what they needed and his garage was always open for anyone. He and his friends would sit out there for hours talking. He will surely be missed. Angel Baca, Daughter.

Dad, you are the best and you will always be in my heart. You were always there for me. You touched many lives. I will always remember when you were by my side when I really needed you. Eloisa Madero, Daughter.

Memories I have of my dad growing up are going to work with him everyday as a child and riding the trains with him. Another good memory was all the bar-be-que we had and how he always had enough food to feed all the family and the whole neighborhood and still had plenty of leftovers. Lisa Baca, Daughter.

The things I remember most about my dad is when he took me hunting and he lost me and he did not want me to tell my mom because then I would never be able to go with Dad again. I also remember the time I dug a hole on the side of the house and filled it with water and was playing in the mud. Oh man, did I ever get in trouble. Tim Baca, Son.

I remember most about my dad is when my mom went out of town and dad tried to cook us spaghetti and he just threw everything in a pot all together and said it was just like our mom's and it tasted nothing like how mom made it. Penny Gray, Daughter.

He will be remembered by his grandchildren as someone who was always able to bring a smile to their face and share a lot of love and time with them.

He was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting various game; including deer, antelope, and bear. When he wasn't enjoying the great outdoors he could be found enjoying Spanish music and dining at his favorite restaurant, "Del Taco".

He also loved to get his family together through his cooking. Barbequing was his way of having family reunions to enjoy barbequed cow and pig. He enjoyed bringing us together; he was always about family.

Tanny was a devoted Catholic and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Barstow with his wife Edwina.

From Las Nuetras, New Mexico to Barstow, California, Tanny's life was dedicated to family, friends, and his community. His memory lives on in our thoughts and prayers. We say "goodbye. God bless you, we love you, and we will miss you".

Tanny is survived by his wife, Edwina Baca; his children, Angel Baca, Eloisa Madero, Penny Gray, Tim Baca, Lisa Baca, Nick Connolly, Toby Connolly, and Liz Pullen; brothers and sisters, Florenio Baca, Lupe Napier, Morris Baca, Raymond Baca, Joe Baca and Theresa Perea; his grandchildren and by a large extended family who share in the loss.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara and children, Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie and Jennifer and I are with the family at this time.

CONDEMNING SHOOTING AT U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today in support of House Resolution 529, condemning the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009 and honoring the bravery and dedication of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum employees and security personnel. I also rise to pay tribute to officer Stephen Johns.

A Maryland resident, Officer Johns was a devoted husband and father. He was a man who lived his life protecting other people, and worked every day to ensure the safety and security of the patrons of the National Holocaust Museum, a place devoted to the pursuit of peace and the end of intolerance. It was a responsibility Officer Johns took very seriously, and one he gave his life to uphold.

Moments like these are the most painful of reminders that when hate results in violence, it robs us of our family members, neighbors, and friends. It claims the best and bravest among us. Yesterday, in a place dedicated to ending such bigotry, a well-liked and thoughtful man was stolen from us.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Stephen Johns and in renewing our vow to be united in our effort to extinguish the flames of bigotry and intolerance in this country and around the world once and for all.

CELEBRATING THE 234TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ARMY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an upcoming anniversary that is significant to our national security and history. This Sunday, June 14th, members of the Active Duty Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard will celebrate the United States Army's 234th birthday.

The celebrations began this morning with the annual Department of the Army cake-cutting ceremony at the Pentagon. There is also an Army Birthday Ball and events for children, such as book readings. Celebrations like this will take place at garrisons and communities around the world.

One of these communities is Virginia's Fort Belvoir, where the Army is building a National