

Whereas the Anti-Defamation League survey also found that a majority of people surveyed overall have either not heard of the Holocaust or do not believe it happened as has been documented by factual accounts and recorded by history;

Whereas President Barack Obama said in his remarks at the USC Shoah Foundation Dinner on May 7, 2014, “. . . if the memories of the Shoah survivors teach us anything, it is that silence is evil’s greatest co-conspirator. And it’s up to us—each of us, every one of us—to forcefully condemn any denial of the Holocaust. It’s up to us to combat not only anti-Semitism, but racism and bigotry and intolerance in all their forms, here and around the world. It’s up to us to speak out against rhetoric that threatens the existence of a Jewish homeland and to sustain America’s unshakeable commitment to Israel’s security”;

Whereas in 2004, Congress passed the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act, which established an Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, headed by a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism;

Whereas the United States Government has consistently supported efforts to address the rise in anti-Semitism through its bilateral relationships and through engagement in international organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the Organization of American States (OAS);

Whereas in recent decades there has been a clear and troubling pattern of increased violence against Jewish persons and their property, purportedly in connection with increased opposition to policies enacted by the Government of Israel;

Whereas during Israel’s 2014 Operation Protective Edge aiming to stem the rocket fire and terrorist infiltrations by Hamas, Jews and Jewish institutions and property were attacked in Europe and elsewhere, including attempts to invade a synagogue in Paris, fire-bombings of synagogues in France and Germany, assaults on Jewish individuals, and swastikas spray-painted in a heavily Jewish area of London and also in Rome’s historic Jewish quarter;

Whereas anti-Semitic imagery and comparisons of Jews and Israel to Nazis have been on display at demonstrations against Israel’s actions in Gaza throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America, including—

(1) placards comparing Israeli leaders to Nazis, accusing Israel of carrying out a “Holocaust” against Palestinians, and equating the Jewish Star of David with the Nazi swastika, and

(2) demonstrations that have included chants of “Death to Jews”, “Death to Israel”, or expressions of support for suicide terrorism against Israeli or Jewish civilians;

Whereas the Governments in France, Germany, and Italy, the three countries where the majority of incidents have occurred, have strongly condemned anti-Semitism as unacceptable in European society and have all made clear statements that such attacks on their Jewish communities are intolerable, and they have matched those words with strong law enforcement;

Whereas some civil society leaders have set strong examples, including the condemnation by the Union of Mosques of France, on behalf of their 500 mosques, called the attacks “morally unjust and unacceptable”, and stated, “nothing can justify any act that could harm our Jewish compatriots, their institutions or their places of worship”;

Whereas the largest newspaper in circulation in Germany, Bild, featured statements against anti-Semitism from politicians, business leaders, civic leaders, media personalities and celebrities with “Never Again Jew Hatred” on the front page; and

Whereas Congress has played an essential role in illustrating and counteracting the resurgence of anti-Semitism worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

Mr. ROYCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILIES OF JAMES FOLEY AND STEVEN SOTLOFF, AND CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ACTS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 734, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 734

Whereas James Foley and Steven Sotloff were highly respected journalists whose integrity and dedication were a credit to their profession;

Whereas James Foley and Steven Sotloff embodied the spirit of our Nation’s First Amendment liberties, including the freedom of the press;

Whereas James Foley and Steven Sotloff made significant contributions to our Nation through their courageous reporting of events in Libya, Syria, and elsewhere; and

Whereas the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is a terrorist organization responsible for committing barbaric acts against United States citizens, religious and ethnic minorities, and those who do not subscribe to ISIL’s depraved, violent, and oppressive ideology: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) strongly condemns the terrorist acts of ISIL, including the barbaric and deplorable murders of James Foley and Steven Sotloff;

(2) salutes James Foley and Steven Sotloff for their unwavering and courageous pursuit of journalistic excellence under the most difficult and dangerous of conditions;

(3) mourns the deaths of James Foley and Steven Sotloff; and

(4) offers condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of James Foley and Steven Sotloff.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4323. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 124. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO KERMIT WOMACK

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer special birthday wishes to someone very important to me, my father, Kermit Womack.

Dad turns 80 years old tomorrow, and it is a special honor to recognize him for his many outstanding accomplishments.

He is a 35-year veteran of the National Guard in Missouri and Arkansas. As an accomplished broadcaster, owning and operating five broadcast stations in Arkansas, his “old school” philosophy of community-involvement radio is legendary. He is also a dedicated cattleman.

Mr. Speaker, Dad is also a great family man. He raised seven children and taught them the important and valuable lessons of life, and he should know because, as a child in humble circumstances, Dad won a three-State FFA public speaking contest and a scholarship to pay his way through college.

Dad, on the eve of your 80th birthday, I want America to know the importance you have meant to your family, the communities you serve, the Nation, and this grateful Congressman. Happy birthday.

CLINICAL RESEARCH EFFORTS

(Mr. PETERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the valuable and lifesaving contributions of America's clinical research efforts and to urge my colleagues to support my resolution to make September clinical research innovation month.

Innovation and scientific research are critical to ensuring America's future competitiveness. San Diego understands this and has become a hub for innovation and technology.

Clinical research organizations are components of our leading innovation sector in San Diego and across the country. They are fundamental to the development of drugs, biologics, and medical devices that are changing the face of health care in America.

Mr. Speaker, last year alone, clinical research efforts led to over 85 new drugs approved by the FDA, aiding in the fights against cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, and many other ailments.

Clinical research connected to the veterans hospital in San Diego is looking for the best ways to treat our brave men and women as they return home.

The lifesaving innovations coming out of clinical research are helping people across the country live longer and healthier lives, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in establishing clinical research innovation month.

THE ISLAMIC STATE IN THE LEVANT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to overstate the threat posed by ISIL. Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan Ryan Crocker recently stated:

I call it al Qaeda version 6.0. They are far better organized, equipped, and funded. They are more experienced and more numerous, and, for the first time since 9/11, a determined and capable enemy has the space and security to plan complex, longer-range operations.

We are presented few good options in confronting ISIL. However, failing to confront this brutal terrorist group is not one of them.

The combat component of this strategy must be executed by local forces. Yesterday, the House passed a bipartisan resolution that reinforces this principle. The measure authorizes neither U.S. troops in a combat role nor additional taxpayer funding.

It does allow the Department of Defense to seek to reprogram existing funds for training, and it also includes new oversight provisions to ensure the administration's plan is managed within the confines of the law.

Mr. Speaker, this action is a step forward in helping the region take on and defeat ISIL, which is fundamental to U.S. national security.

RECOGNIZING UNION CITY POLICE CHIEF BRIAN FOLEY

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Union City Police Chief Brian Foley as he retires at the end of September after almost 30 years of service.

Brian grew up in California before graduating from California State University, Chico, with a degree in business administration. In 1986, Brian joined the Union City Police Department, fulfilling a dream of becoming a police officer.

He worked for the Union City Police Department in a variety of areas, including crime scene investigator, homicide detective, and SWAT team member. His hard work and skills propelled him into leadership roles such as SWAT team leader, sergeant, captain, and—since January 2012—chief.

On behalf of the residents of Union City and the 15th Congressional District, I want to thank Chief Foley for his years of dedicated and courageous service. He has played a key role in helping to keep the streets of Union City safe, and he will be sorely missed.

I also wish Brian well as he enters the next phase of his life. I am sure he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and children. After so many years of hard work for the people of Union City, this opportunity is well-deserved.

RECOGNIZING DR. BINDUKUMAR KANSUPADA OF YARDLEY, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Dr. Bindukumar Kansupada of Yardley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a member of the Eighth Congressional District, my constituent, and my good friend.

As a cardiologist, successful businessman, and faithful community servant, Dr. Kansupada has been an incredible asset for the health and well-being to the families that call the Delaware Valley home.

As a member of both my physician's advisory and Indian American communities, Dr. Kansupada's talents and experience have been a vital part of my legislative and outreach efforts as we work together to provide Bucks County families with the type of patient-centered health care solutions that keep our communities happy and healthy.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call Dr. Kansupada a personal friend of mine, and I look forward to partnering with him in the future so that Bucks County continues to be a great place to live, to work, to raise a family, and to grow old in.

CONDEMNING THE RISE OF GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM

(Mr. NADLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, with the unanimous passage today of H. Res. 707, we send a clear, strong, and bipartisan message condemning the rising tide of anti-Semitism around the world.

In 2014 alone, we have seen an increasing number of murders at Jewish sites, of violent attacks, and death threats against Jews. There has been a disturbing increase of anti-Semitism throughout Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, including in Hungary, Turkey, Greece, Britain, France, and Germany.

We must ensure that the world views such actions for what they are—the vile and hate-fueled persecution of an entire people—rather than an acceptable expression of frustration with political events in the Middle East or anywhere else.

Tragically, 70 years after 6 million Jewish men, women, and children were murdered simply for being Jews, many Jews in Europe again face violent anti-Semitism and must live in constant fear.

Anti-Semitic imagery and comparisons of Jews and Israel to Nazis have been on display at demonstrations against Israel throughout the United States and the world. Make no mistake, this is a new face on a very old hatred. Disagreeing with Israeli policy is no excuse for anti-Semitism.

I want to thank my colleagues, but I want to thank especially PETER ROSKAM, NITA LOWEY, and KAY GRANGER for leading this effort with me; and I want to thank NANCY PELOSI, STENY HOYER, KEVIN MCCARTHY, ED ROYCE, and ELIOT ENGEL who helped bring this important bipartisan piece of legislation to the floor.

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JIHADISTS KILLING AMERICAN SOLDIERS

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, an article today by Andrew McCarthy that I want to read in part:

Meanwhile, back in Afghanistan . . . Bill Roggio reports that jihadists have killed four American soldiers. Three were killed in a suicide bombing in Kabul and the Taliban have claimed responsibility. A fourth was killed in a so-called “green-on-blue” assassination. He was an American there to train “moderate Islamist allies” at a military base in western Afghanistan, and one of these Afghans shot him dead and wounded two others before finally being killed.

It was the fourth green-on-blue attack this year. The last one, in August, claimed the life of Major General Harold Greene, the highest ranking American officer since the