

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM AND
THE BDS MOVEMENT**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the troubling rise of anti-Semitism and to call for action against the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement—a hateful weapon intended to delegitimize Israel and the Jewish community.

According to Pew Research Center, instances of anti-Semitism are at a 7-year high. It is getting worse everywhere, particularly in the Middle East, but also in Europe and even in the United States.

That's why I've cosponsored the Combating BDS Act of 2016 (H.R. 4514). This legislation clarifies that state and local governments have the authority to pass and enforce laws that prohibit public funding to institutions that engage in the odious BDS campaign, the purpose of which is to apply double standards that delegitimize and demonize Israel.

Thankfully, many states have responded to the BDS campaign by enacting legislation that denies public support to any organization engaged in the campaign—just last month my home state of New Jersey became the 11th state to enact such a law.

The boycott campaign against Israel is a complete discredit to its organizers—the government of Israel has by far the best record for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and general humanity toward both its own citizens and its neighbors' citizens, including the Palestinians—of any country in the Middle East. This despite the fact that some of its neighboring governments support or harbor terrorists whose goal is the genocidal annihilation of Israel.

Congress must not only commend Israel's record, and applaud those state and local governments that seek to withdraw public funding from the BDS campaign, we must also support and sustain the state and local initiatives.

Combating BDS Act does exactly that. I encourage my colleagues to support it and also encourage my colleagues to read the Simon Wiesenthal Center's report, "Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Against Israel: An Anti-Semitic, Anti-Peace Poison Pill," which details the disgusting anti-Semitic record of the BDS movement, particularly making use of Natan Sharansky's "3Ds test for anti-Semitism."

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
JASON M. HOUGH OF THE
CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OF-
FICE**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Sergeant Jason M. Hough of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Sergeant Hough deserves

the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Sergeant Hough joined the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in June 2012. As a field deputy, he was always a top producer in the office. In June 2015 Jason assumed supervisory duties when he was promoted to sergeant. He has accepted the additional responsibilities and responded well to the additional duties.

On March 4, 2016, Sergeant Jason M. Hough responded to a house in the town of Berryville for a report of a possible overdose. When Sergeant Hough arrived on the scene, he found an unconscious male lying on a bed. Jason checked to see if the male was breathing and if he had a pulse. He discovered that although the male had a good pulse, he was not breathing. Sergeant Hough began to perform mouth to mouth resuscitation. Medics arrived shortly thereafter and provided Sergeant Hough with a bag valve mask so he could continue to provide respirations to the victim. The victim did breathe on his own several times, but quit after a few breaths. According to witnesses on the scene, the victim had overdosed on heroin.

The medics administered three rounds of Narcan though an IV. The victim regained consciousness and became very aggressive, screaming over and over. Sergeant Hough had to restrain the victim so that he could continue to receive medical care. The victim was taken to the ambulance. The victim had calmed down by this time, which allowed Sergeant Hough to tell him what had happened and that he was being taken to the hospital for overdosing. Without the actions of Sergeant Hough, the victim could have died.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Jason M. Hough of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO CARROLL COUNTY,
INDIANA**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Carroll County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 6, 2016.

The County sits on the eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1828 and named for Charles Carroll, who was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. The county seat is located in Delphi, home of the Wabash and Erie Canal. Built through the county in 1840 and operating until the early 1870s the Wabash and Erie Canal is among the county's most significant historical legacies.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 32 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Flora Depot Com-

mittee (Flora Community Club/Flora Main Street), Delphi Public Library, Flora-Monroe Township Public Library, Camden-Jackson Township Public Library, Town of Flora, Heartland Heritage, Inc., Carroll County Historical Society, Carroll County Museum, William Henry Harrison Sons of the American Revolution, Town of Camden, Promoting Wildcat Valley, Camden Women's Literary Club, Flora Mainstreet, Carroll County Veteran's Remembrance, VFW, Carroll County Wabash at Erie Canal, Inc., University of Indianapolis; Department of Anthropology, Delphi Opera House, Inc, Burlington American Legion Post 414, Wabash and Erie Canal Association Canal Park, Carroll County Wabash and Erie Canal and Old Settlers Association. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Carroll County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, WELDON, NORTH CARO-
LINA**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church, located in my congressional district in Weldon, North Carolina.

First Baptist Church takes pride in being one of the first Black Baptist churches in North Carolina. Founded in 1866, a year after the U.S. Congress passed the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery, Reverend Joseph Baysmore and several faith leaders devoted to spreading the word of God organized the Church. In the Church's early days, Reverend Baysmore and his small congregation gathered to worship under a bush arbor, which was later replaced by a wooden structure lacking ceilings and heat.

Mr. Speaker, much of First Baptist Church's growth over the years can be attributed to its dedicated leadership and congregation. In 1909, the Church moved into its current site under the leadership of Reverend John W. Faulk, Sr. During this time, the Church went from offering only second and fourth Sunday service to offering services every Sunday.

Even early on, the Church was active in civic engagement and served as the first meeting site for the Halifax County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the early 1940s. In the 1990s, the Church added a radio ministry to broadcast the Sunday morning worship on the local radio station.

Since 2002, First Baptist Church has been pastored by Reverend Quientrell L. Burrell, II. Under Rev. Burrell's leadership, the Church continues to prosper and serve its community. First Baptist Church has expanded its service to the community through health seminars, single parent clinics, and healthy relationship sessions. Today, First Baptist Church remains a pillar of the Weldon community and in the state of North Carolina.

With the theme "Rooted in Faith, Racing Toward the Future," this 150th anniversary observes the labor and sacrifices made over 150 years as well as the Church's promise for the future. Through its outstanding leadership and a devoted congregation, I am confident that First Baptist will continue to withstand the test of time for generations to come.

By the grace of God, First Baptist Church has survived the test of time with its strong faith and belief and it is still going strong today. Over the years, the Church has realized many notable accomplishments including significant growth in membership and ministry and continued outreach in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the rich legacy of First Baptist Church in Weldon, North Carolina and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Rev. Burrell, the congregation, and the residents of Weldon on this historic milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER ANDREW SPECKSGOOR OF THE WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Officer Andrew Specksgoor of the Winchester Police Department. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Officer Specksgoor deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Officer Specksgoor is a member of the Community Response Team (CRT). One of his duties as part of the CRT is interacting with the kids who have been assigned to the CRT from the courts and schools. All these children have had significant trouble in school and with the police. As you can imagine, they are often very difficult and challenging to deal with. Despite these challenges, plus his many other duties, Officer Specksgoor deals with these kids and families in a very professional manner.

It has been noted that Andrew Specksgoor interacts with not only the children but also with their families to try to keep these kids out of future trouble. This is a job that many employees would shy away from, but Officer Specksgoor tackles this job with enthusiasm and professionalism. His supervisor has noted that he excels in mentoring these young people. He holds them accountable for good behavior while interacting with them each day in a positive fashion. This interaction includes taking kids on field trips and involving them in community service projects.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Andrew Specksgoor of the Winchester Police Department for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO BOONE COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Boone County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

The county sits on the Eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1830 and named for Daniel Boone, the famous American frontiersman. The county seat is located in Lebanon, the largest city in Boone County. The Lebanon Courthouse is known for having the second largest stained glass dome in Indiana.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 17 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Boone County Senior Services, Inc., Zionsville Parks and Recreation Department, Zion Nature Center, CIRPCA, City of Zionsville, Boone County Indiana Bicentennial Time Capsule Committee, Lebanon Fire Department, Whitestown Parks Department, Sugar Plain Friends Church, Friends of the Zion Nature Center, Friends of the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, Mid States Living History Association, Whitestown Parks, Boone County Historical Society, Temple Sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Edible Indy, Animalia, Inc., SullivanMunce Cultural Center, Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., and the Milledgeville United Methodist Church. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Boone County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN AND ALICE VILMEK

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin and Alice Vilmeke, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 24th.

Martin and Alice met when she was a babysitter for his younger brother and have been married since September 24th, 1966. They have two children, their son Marty and their daughter Dawn, as well as four grandchildren.

Martin is a retired Bridgeview firefighter, but he continues to serve his community as the Village's Emergency Management Agency Director and through his work for the Illinois State Fair. In 2014, he was the recipient of the O.D. Troutman Emergency Management Co-

ordinator of the Year Award. Alice is a member of the Library Board of Trustees of Bridgeview, and she holds her school district's record for the longest streak without missing a single day of work.

They are known throughout their neighborhood and beyond for the elaborate decorations they put up in their yard for holidays, including Christmas, Easter, and Halloween. Their displays have been featured in many newspapers and magazines. In his spare time Martin enjoys driving antique cars and has a 1946 fire truck that he drives in parades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martin and Alice Vilmeke on their 50th wedding anniversary, and thank them for their decades of contributions to their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY TYLER A. RENNER OF THE
FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Deputy Tyler A. Renner of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Deputy Renner deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

On August 14, 2015 Craig Dehaven became a victim of a burglary at his residence. Deputy Renner responded and processed the scene recovering latent prints and additional evidence that was located directly below a window that was entered during the incident. Deputy Renner collected the evidence and it was sent to the forensic lab for further processing. Results were received back from the lab on May 24, 2016 and a DNA match was found. The recovered evidence contained a DNA profile that matched a specific subject. On May 26, 2016 investigators were able to interview the subject and they obtained a full confession along with the location of the stolen items during this incident. The items were recovered and returned to the rightful owner, thanks to the diligent and thorough work performed by Deputy Renner. Had he not done this, the victim would not have had closure in this burglary. In addition several other incidents involved would also not have been cleared.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Deputy Tyler A. Renner of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Warren County, Indiana