

Cities Habitat well prepared to achieve the ambitious Impact 2020 strategic plan, which aims to double its impact on our community by partnering with 500 families by 2020.

Sue Haigh's career exemplifies the very best in public service. Prior to her leadership of Twin Cities Habitat, Sue worked tirelessly to improve lives within Ramsey County as an elected commissioner. Her passion for putting people to work and building a better future resulted in major infrastructure planning and development projects. Sue was later appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve as the chair of the Metropolitan Council, where she led a 30-year planning vision called Thrive MSP 2040, invested millions of dollars in grants to cities, and helped to open the Green Line LRT, a light rail transit system which has vastly exceeded rider projections and sparked billions in additional private investment.

A passion and dedication to serving others defines Sue Haigh's career. Whether working in government or in non-profit organizations, Sue always brings her creativity and tenacity to the job, creating unique and long-lasting partnerships that benefit the entire Twin Cities Metropolitan region.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the exceptional career of Susan Haigh, a community leader who has done so much, for so many.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on roll call No. 183. Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 183, I would have voted 'YEA'.

SHARING STUDENTS' MARCH FOR OUR LIVES REMARKS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, I came to the Floor and spoke about the March For Our Lives on March 24 and the nine extraordinarily poised students in Morristown, New Jersey, who spoke at the rally there, which I attended. I include in the RECORD remarks by Luna Aguilar. I hope my colleagues will read them and internalize the sense of fear in which our nation's students are living every day—and our responsibility as Members of Congress to do something to address this crisis of gun violence.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES REMARKS BY LUNA AGUILAR

Every month, every week, every day we hear about a hate-filled person, usually a white-supremacist man, getting a gun to kill others without mercy. We are here today because the shooting at Stoneman Douglas high school in Florida hurts all of us, and we will not take this anymore!

The students who were murdered in Florida, and many more who are killed by gun violence throughout our country, had dreams to fulfill in the rest of their lives. They were

robbed of their dreams because our country allows nineteen-year-olds to legally own weapons of destruction, and we let one man kill seventeen innocent lives. Teachers and faculty at schools across the country have given up their lives to protect their students from mass murderers, and now that is their legacy. But they should not have to be mourned as martyrs. They should be remembered as teachers, heroes who educated the future generation.

We, as a nation, have decided that we value gun ownership without adequate background checks, without limits, more than the lives of our youth. But we, the youth, the future of our country, are deciding, right here, right now, that our lives are worth more than the right to own an assault weapon.

This same outrage should have pushed a change of policy on guns after Columbine, Sandy Hook, Orlando, and Las Vegas. This outrage should have supported the victims of excessive police force in Ferguson. Stephen Clark was shot twenty times in his grandmother's yard while unarmed just two days ago. Are we speaking up for him too? This outrage should be heard in response to the deaths of immigrants at the hands of border patrol agents. African Americans, Latinos, immigrants, members of the LGBTQIA community are all subject to gun violence in our neighborhoods, and we must speak up for them too. This will not be an exclusive fight. We are targeted because of the color of our skin, because of our religion, because of who we are. Undocumented immigrants already fear having their families torn apart by ICE, and they also fear of dying at the hands of an extremist. Marginalized women also fear for their lives. We will not live in fear any longer!

We must not succumb to fear and make our schools into prison-like settings. We cannot arm our teachers. We cannot fill our schools with officers that feed the school to prison pipeline! More guns and more oppression is not the answer. I am trained in Alternatives to Violence. This is an international program that started right here in New York state prisons to address violence in a compassionate way. In our youth program with Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, we learn nonviolent communication and restorative justice. If we taught this in our schools, and in our communities, we would increase the level of safety for everyone. If we had more social workers in our schools, we would be healthier, safer. We should invest our resources into the well-being of students so no one ever feels the need to hurt others. We need social workers, not police. Why are we as a nation so violent, so hateful? Restorative justice is proven to work, and we are more than capable of implementing this into our school systems.

Other countries have one occurrence of gun violence, and they act on it immediately. Thoughts and prayers are welcome in these devastating times, but they must be followed by action, legislation, and prevention measures. Why has our government refused to act? AR-15s should not be in the hands of any civilian in this country. Congress needs to ban these machines that serve no other purpose than to kill as many individuals as possible within a matter of seconds. Our nation must raise the age of owning a gun to twenty-one. Thorough background checks that bar individuals with a violent history, particularly those with domestic violence histories, must be part of the process of owning a gun. We must enforce red-flag laws, laws that allow for the removal of weapons from people who have been flagged for past violence.

I've been to marches to support undocumented immigrants. I participated in the vigil for Heather Heyer, who was murdered

during the Charlottesville protests. I've been to the Women's March to fight against sexism and to stand up with my fellow sisters of all backgrounds. I stand here today denouncing gun violence because marching and demanding change works! We are a youth-led movement and we will not stop until we succeed in keeping guns out of the hands of murderers.

I am only sixteen, and I am already tired of standing up for what is right while legislators sit and do nothing! When will it be enough? Why must I continue to scream at Congress and at our society to prove that I matter? Why are legislators responding to the gun lobby instead of us? What will it take for us to see each other as human beings that are worth more than property or profits? This march is just the beginning of long-overdue conversations, and of work too long left undone. We must continue to fight, and to fight for everyone.

We must speak out. Say it with me so that our legislators in our towns, in Trenton, and in Washington, DC, hear our call: I'm going to say: shatter the silence. And you respond with: stop the violence. Shatter the silence. Stop the violence. Shatter the silence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 4/16/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 140 and YEA on Roll Call No. 141.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week we marked up H.R. 1911, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. All of the Co-Chairs of the Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism are co-sponsors of the bipartisan H.R. 1911—including four members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, ELIOT ENGEL, BRAD SCHNEIDER, and TED DEUTCH—which I authored to advance the fight against the ancient, persistent evil of anti-Semitism, whenever and wherever it occurs in the world.

So far 80 members have cosponsored the bill, including 25 members of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Many leading Jewish organizations also support the legislation.

My friend, the great former Soviet refusenik and religious prisoner, Natan Sharansky, testified at two of the nine hearings I have chaired on anti-Semitism. He proposed what he called a simple test to help us distinguish legitimate criticism of Israel from anti-Semitism. Sharansky called it the "three Ds: Demonization, double standard, and de-legitimization."

Rabbi Andy Baker, Director for International Jewish Affairs for American Jewish Committee and Personal Representative of the OSCE

Chairperson-in-Office on Combatting-Anti-Semitism, reports, "We continue to see physical and even lethal attacks on Jews in Europe, efforts to restrict or ban elemental religious practices, and emboldened extremist political parties with an anti-Semitic agenda. Even as European governments have come to recognize the dangers facing their Jewish communities, many still have failed to devote the necessary resources to protect them or to be clear-eyed in recognizing the sources of the problem." This past March an 85-year Holocaust survivor, Mireille Knoll, was brutally murdered in Paris, an abhorrent example of anti-Semitic hatred.

According to B'nai Brith International, "Unfortunately, we continue to see the dramatic growth of anti-Semitism, particularly in Europe and the Islamic world. This scourge has reached its highest level since World War II. B'nai Brith International is dedicated to shining the spotlight on hatred of Jews as a distinct and unique social illness, and to marshaling efforts to combat, and wherever possible, eradicate this phenomenon." According to B'nai Brith Canada, "Last year was a record-breaking year for anti-Semitism in Canada, according to a new audit by B'nai Brith's league for human rights. As Global's Anne Leclair reports, Quebec ranks second in the country for reported anti-Semitic activity."

The Kator Center on Anti-Semitism Worldwide sounded the alarm; stating "Europe's largest Jewish communities are experiencing a normalization and mainstreaming of anti-Semitism not seen since the Second World War."

There is an urgent need for a comprehensive United States government approach to combating anti-Semitism—led by a strong, senior official. In 2004, Congress passed and signed into law the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004. I was the prime sponsor of the provisions that created the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism in the State Department and position of Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to lead it.

H.R. 1911 would elevate the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to the rank of Ambassador, to be nominated by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and reporting directly to the Secretary of State. It would mandate the Special Envoy to serve as the primary advisor to the United States government on monitoring and combating anti-Semitism in foreign countries and coordinate efforts across the government.

The bill would prohibit the Special Envoy from being double-hatted with duties and responsibilities unrelated to monitoring and combating anti-Semitism. It would also require the President to nominate a Special Envoy within 90 days of the enactment of this act and thereafter within 120 whenever the position is empty.

Since Congress created the position, there have been long delays in every Administration filling it.

PRESIDENT BUSH: 583 days

PRESIDENT OBAMA: 307 days and 227 days

When they were appointed, Gregg Rickman, Hannah Rosenthal, and Ira Forman did a tremendous job. Currently there has been no Special Envoy for 482 days. I and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including my Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, ED ROYCE, called on the President and Secretary Tillerson to appoint someone as a matter of

priority. I repeat that call and urge Secretary Pompeo to appoint a Special Envoy now.

Jewish communities here and abroad continue to be targeted for hatred and deadly violence. America has a proud bipartisan history of leading the fight against anti-Semitism, including this House unanimously—passing H. Res. 354 in 2015, which I authored as a detailed blueprint for actions that are critical to prevent more deadly attacks on Europe's Jewish communities.

We must build and expand on this history. The Special Envoy is critical to focusing and redoubling our leadership and this bill enhances the position. I ask my fellow committee members to support this vital legislation.

I also ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3030, the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2017. This bill will strengthen our efforts to anticipate, prevent, and mitigate genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. My friend ANN WAGNER is the sponsor of this legislation and I am proud to cosponsor it.

WITH HEARTS SO DEEP, IN HONOR
OF THE FALLEN THIS MEMORIAL
DAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Fallen and their families this Memorial Day. Our hearts and prayers go out to them and their families, Brothers and Sisters in Arm. I ask that this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

WITH HEARTS SO DEEP, IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN
THIS MEMORIAL DAY

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

With hearts so deep,
their vowels would keep
Who went off to war
For all the more
And came back home no more.
Who died and bled on battlefields of honor
said, of blood, death, and gore
For all their Brothers and Sisters in Arms
the more
The ones who live no more
Who with hearts so deep so fought for
All our freedom and peace,
and the ones to their left and right in their
beliefs
Who in dark cold graves now their precious
bodies sleep
While, across this Nation their loved one's
weep.
As such pain they keep
In hearts so deep
And all those children who grew up without
the best friends to hearts so speak
As we now so weep
On the land, air, and sea to seek
Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and
The Marines we speak
To rein down upon the enemy such destruc-
tion reek,
For that old Red, White, and Blue which
speaks
Who throughout the generations stood with
the greatest of all hearts so deep
As our Nation's greatest of treasures,
the ones who Gave That Last Full Measure
did each
With hearts so deep
Sadly, for any Nation to survive

Some of her most precious must lay down
their lives

The price of freedom so high
As the Angels up in Heaven begin to cry
As up to Heaven, New Angels begin to rise
With hearts so deep.
So, all in yours this Memorial Day we ask
you to seek,
their memories, give prayers and thanks to
each

And remember how our freedom throughout
the generations we keep
All because of such magnificent With Hearts
So Deep.

CONGRATULATING ALAN L. GUNN
FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alan Gunn on his upcoming retirement from the Department of Energy after thirty-six years of distinguished service to this nation in various roles in the United States Navy (USN) and United States Department of Energy (DOE). Mr. Gunn received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi State University in 1980 and completed graduate work in Business Administration at Louisiana State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, State University of New York at Albany, and Idaho State University. He also completed the College of Naval Warfare program in residence at the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island and received a Master of Arts Degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies in 1996.

Mr. Gunn completed the Navy Officer Candidate School as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a regular navy officer in February, 1982. He was selected for duty in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and served as both a member of the staff of the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion program in Washington, D.C. and as a field representative for the Director in Schenectady, New York and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Since the completion of his active duty service, Mr. Gunn has served as a civilian with the United States Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration in numerous leadership and management positions with the Office of Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C., the Idaho Branch Office of Naval Reactors, the Naval Reactors Laboratory Field Office, and the Idaho Operations Office. Mr. Gunn retired as a Captain in the United States Navy in 2007 after completing over 28 years of active and reserve military service.

Mr. Gunn completed his service to our nation as the Assistant Manager for Programs and Facilities at the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID); providing leadership over the nuclear energy research and development programs and oversight of Idaho National Laboratory (INL).

In the service of his country, Mr. Gunn exemplifies the best qualities of the thousands of talented individuals in the Navy and DOE, whose knowledge and skill have been essential to keeping our nation strong and secure. I want to thank Alan for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.