

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.

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OF THE FALLEN THIS MEMORIAL  
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### 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.