

Waverly. The Comm continues to be the center of community life in Waverly. Special events like the annual Antiques Show and Sale, the Artisans' Marketplace, the House and Garden Show, Summer Music Concerts, and seasonal children's parties.

It is an honor to recognize Waverly Township and the Waverly Community House on their centennial. The Comm has been the heartbeat of community life in the Abingtons since 1919, and I wish them another hundred years of growth and prosperity in the tradition of service to others, recreation, and civic engagement.

OPPOSING GLOBAL BOYCOTT,
DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of H. Res. 246, a resolution opposing the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

While it will be a difficult vote, I support this resolution because some individuals leading the BDS movement have engaged in anti-Semitic rhetoric and actions and have questioned the right of Israel to exist. While not perfect, this resolution sends an important message that anti-Semitism is unacceptable.

Let me be clear: anti-Semitism, as with any other form of racism or discrimination, is antithetical to the values and aspirations of the American people. I am disturbed by the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States and other parts of the world, and I am troubled by the fact that the genocide that took place during the Holocaust is fading from memory.

That's why I have taken substantive actions to combat anti-Semitism, including joining the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism, voting in support of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2018, and voting in support of a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry and intolerance. I am also a cosponsor of the Never Again Education Act, which would help address the rise in anti-Semitism by granting teachers across the country the resources and training necessary to teach our children the lessons of the Holocaust and the horrific consequences of hate and intolerance.

At the same time, I agree with this resolution's statements that boycotts and related actions are legitimate forms of free speech protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. That's why I am cosponsoring H. Res. 496, a resolution affirming that all Americans have the right to participate in boycotts, as protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. I have also consistently opposed—and will continue to oppose—any legislation that would punish or criminalize individuals' constitutionally-protected right to free speech.

I also agree with the stated support for a two-state solution in H. Res. 246. I have consistently supported a two-state solution throughout my time in Congress, and I am once again a cosponsor of legislation stating that any U.S. plan or proposal for peace in the

Middle East must include and center on a two-state solution. A two-state solution will not only secure Israel's future as a democratic, Jewish state, it will also advance U.S. security interests in the region and enhance our ability to confront the threats posed by Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and other dubious actors in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, this resolution does nothing to address the fact that the Trump administration and the Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have taken a number of actions that severely undermine a two-state solution. This includes the Trump administration's decision to recognize the city of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, to relocate the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, to greenlight the continuing expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and to discontinue U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and bilateral assistance to the Palestinians—all decisions which I strongly oppose. Regrettably, the Trump administration's actions have undermined the confidence among Palestinians and Arab countries in the region that the U.S. desires to play a productive role as a neutral mediator in the Middle East peace process.

As an ally of Israel, the United States invests more than \$3 billion in aid to Israel annually. Accordingly, I believe it is only appropriate that lawmakers voice their legitimate concerns with Israeli policies in a constructive way, as I have done throughout my time in Congress and will continue to do. That's why I have joined my colleagues in urging the Israeli government not to demolish Palestinian communities in the West Bank, cosponsored legislation such as the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act, and continued to urge President Trump to restore vital aid to the Palestinians. Protecting human rights, regardless of any ongoing tension between Israelis and Palestinians, should be a fundamental American value.

It is only through thoughtful, respectful, nuanced debate that Congress can productively contribute towards resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and addressing the legitimate needs of both peoples. The bottom line is it is critical that the U.S. pursue policies that will move Israelis and Palestinians towards a negotiated, two-state solution, and I will continue to push the Trump administration and Congress to do so.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING KINDNESS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, remembering to act with kindness in the United States and affirming our commitment to fostering community and building resiliency through every day acts of kindness can do wonders. Kindness can change a family, a neighborhood, a school, a city, a nation, and ultimately, our world.

We must recognize the long history of Americans demonstrating kindness daily in their homes, schools, places of faith, businesses, community organizations, and

throughout their neighborhoods. The resolution also recognizes that kindness and compassion can heal the country from within and promote a healthier society.

Creating a culture of kindness can foster strong bonds that will bring individuals together despite their differences in order to tackle the challenges that face us. We must ensure that we remain a nation who acts with kindness towards one another.

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF
CAMEROON AND ARMED GROUPS
TO RESPECT THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF ALL CAMEROONIAN
CITIZENS

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, over the past two years, tensions have escalated in the Northwest and Southwest regions in Cameroon between the minority Anglophone population and the Francophone factions that control the government. The conflict has killed hundreds of Cameroonians, has displaced nearly half of a million people, and human rights violations have been alleged against both security forces loyal to the Francophone-led Cameroonian government and militant Anglophone separatist groups. This conflict has severely impacted the town of Kumbo in Cameroon, which is the sister city of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

As sister cities, Kumbo and La Crosse have exchanged many official delegation visits, and a local nonprofit called the La Crosse Friends of Cameroon has been dedicated to deepening the ties between the two cities and raising awareness about the conflict. Their passion and dedication to finding a sustainable and inclusive peace in Cameroon was clear as I spoke before them at an event in La Crosse. Following that event, I traveled to Cameroon as part of a congressional delegation, and I was grateful to the local leaders from Kumbo who traveled to meet with us to share their powerful stories about how the conflict has affected their home.

The ongoing devastation that our Cameroonian friends are experiencing as a result of this crisis is unconscionable, which is why I helped introduce a resolution calling for the respect of human rights of all Cameroonian citizens, an immediate end to the violence, and for the creation of a broad-based dialogue to seek nonviolent solutions to the conflict. I am proud to see the House of Representatives take up this resolution to show that Congress supports a path to a sustainable, inclusive peace in Cameroon.

HONORING MS. JUDY SCHNEIDER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Judy Schneider of the Congressional Research Service for her service to the United States Congress and the