

Yet, nearly 6 decades after the Holocaust concluded, Anti-Semitism still exists as the scourge of the world. The Anti-Defamation League has found that in 2003 more than 1500 Anti-Semitic incidents occurred in the United States alone. Holocaust museums were the victims of arson and community centers defaced with swastikas. Tombs of Jews around the world, from Argentina to France, have been damaged and disgraced. For years we have spoken about this unacceptable situation, but we must reinforce our words with actions. As George Washington wrote in a letter to the Jewish Community of Newport, Rhode Island 204 years ago, the Government of the United States must always give "to bigotry no sanction."

As it did 60 years ago, the best of humanity must not stand silent but respond. Too small is our world to allow discrimination, bigotry and intolerance to thrive in any corner of it, let alone in the United States of America. Let this day of memorial strengthen our resolve to ensure that tolerance and coexistence will never be defeated by those who wish us harm.

IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2004*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the international community in reflecting

on the appalling events of the Holocaust and honoring the victims of this horrific tragedy by observing Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this day in 1943, the brave Jewish men and women of the Warsaw ghetto revolted against their Nazi captors in what was, unfortunately, a doomed battle. Yet their courage in the face of incredible odds showed the world the strength of the human spirit against oppression, prejudice, and racism.

The sheer magnitude of the destruction and loss of life during the Holocaust is beyond comprehension. Over 12 million people lost their lives—more than 6 million of which were Jewish. In some cases, entire Jewish families and communities were wiped out.

Unfortunately, the struggle against anti-Semitism continues today, as recent reports indicate an increase in violence against the Jewish community around the world. Remembrance Day serves as a reminder that we must never forget the appalling tragedy of the Holocaust—and that the struggle against prejudice has not yet ended.

Today, we rededicate ourselves to fighting intolerance, racism and apathy so that future generations do not experience the suffering, terror and ultimate death endured by the victims of the Holocaust. We must strive to understand these horrific events and work together as an international community to never again remain silent and indifferent in the face of others' oppression.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2004*

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, today, we mourn for the 6 million whose innocent lives were taken simply because they were Jews. Today, we honor the survivors of the Holocaust whose deep wounds will never heal. And today, we recognize the families of the fallen, whose lives were forever marred by irreparable loss and pain.

As we join together to pay tribute to those whose lives were tragically cut short, it is our moral obligation and duty to confer the lessons of the Holocaust l'dor v'dor—from one generation to the next. We must use Holocaust education as a shield, guarding future societies from incitement, ignorance and hate. Now, more than ever, as anti-Semitism increase both in Europe and throughout the globe, we must remember the horrors of the past to ensure that they may never happen again.

It is in this spirit that I join my colleagues in Congress in honoring the 6 million whose lives have been lost, but whose memories will forever live on.