

for American expand its recruitment, selection, training, and support of new teachers. It would put more enthusiastic, outstanding teachers in high-need schools. And it would help the program build new leaders in education and public service.

I urge my colleagues to join me to pass the Teach for America Act. Let's help this exceptional and proven program expand its reach and reduce teacher shortages in the areas where their services are so desperately needed.

HONORING CAMPBELLSVILLE
UNIVERSITY

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Campbellsville University on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration.

Founded in 1906 as the Russell Creek Academy, Campbellsville University's origins were concentrated on primary, secondary, teacher and pastor training. The following year, the academy added classes in music, art and a diploma program that included Greek, modern languages, algebra, and ancient history. Over the last 100 years, Campbellsville University has grown to over 2,200 students with 40 undergraduate programs and 9 graduate programs.

Throughout its first century, Campbellsville University has firmly established itself as a leading institution of Higher Christian Education in Kentucky, across the country, and in far corners of the world. The long tenure and continued success of the university is due in large part to an impressive fidelity to its mission: academic excellence solidly grounded in the liberal arts, personal growth, integrity, and fellowship.

I am honored to represent Campbellsville University in the United States Congress. The university exemplifies Christian Service through its consistent leadership in community affairs throughout the region. When new challenges arise in surrounding communities, Campbellsville University is always first to face the task and work toward solutions.

It is my great privilege to recognize Campbellsville University today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for 100 years of excellence, producing generations of talented, service-minded citizens who continue to make significant contributions to our world.

HONORING HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, before I begin my remarks, I would like to take a moment to send my prayers and condolences to the entire Virginia Tech community. The Nation and world are mourning with you. The United States Congress stands at your side.

As today is Holocaust Remembrance Day, I would like to extend special recognition to one of the 32 victims of this unbelievable catastrophe. Liviu Librescu, 76 at the time of his death, had known tragedy since childhood. When Romania joined forces with Nazi Germany in World War II, the young Librescu was interned in a labor camp, and then sent along with his family and thousands of other Jews to a central ghetto in the city of Focsani. Hundreds of thousands of Romanian Jews were killed by the collaborationist regime during the war, yet Liviu Librescu survived.

Liviu Librescu was an internationally respected aeronautics engineer and a lecturer at Virginia Tech for 20 years. He saved the lives of several students by blocking the gunman before he was gunned down in the shooting.

I know that Professor Librescu would join me in expressing solidarity with Jews across this Nation and around the world in honoring Holocaust Remembrance Day, or as it is known in Hebrew, Yom HaShoah.

My district, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, is home to the largest concentration of survivors in the State of Illinois and perhaps in the country, and this day holds deep meaning for those individuals and the entire community.

Recent events in the Middle East and around the world underscore the importance of this day. Anti-Semitic and anti-Israel rhetoric and demonstrations continue in numerous countries. The Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has threatened to use nuclear weapons to wipe Israel off the face of the map.

With anti-Semitism on the rise, we must be reminded that "Never Again" is not a guarantee, but a pledge that we must uphold through education, dialogue, and determination. It also reminds us that we must continue to strengthen the U.S. commitment to the security of Israel. Moreover, we must redouble our efforts to bring lasting peace to the Middle East.

"Never Again" means that we must combat hate wherever it exists. While the Holocaust was a unique incident, a genocide is taking place right in front of our eyes in the Darfur region of Sudan. In February 2006 I traveled to Darfur where President Bush and the U.S. Congress have officially acknowledged "genocide" is taking place. The conflict has spilled across international borders and hundreds of thousands have fled into Chad. The window to provide security and hope is narrowing. According to the Commander of the African Union forces who briefed the participants of my Congressional Delegation in Darfur, "There is no sense of urgency outside."

As a Jew, I cannot sit idle while these atrocities continue to unfold in Darfur. The lessons from the Holocaust have taught us that we must never turn a blind eye to terror or discrimination. We must demand that our government hold those who carry out acts of needless brutality accountable. I believe that everyone should take a moment today to consider the role of the U.S. in the prevention and prosecution of genocide.

The Holocaust was the most horrific human atrocity the world saw during the last century and perhaps in the history of the planet. Millions of Jews and others were brutalized, raped, beaten, dehumanized, enslaved, robbed, and murdered. While it is hard to grasp how terrible those events must have been, what all of our children, and we must do

is to listen to the stories of those few remaining survivors of the Holocaust and ensure that their stories and their suffering are a permanent part of history.

Today we honor and mourn those who perished. We vow to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory and ensures others will not suffer their fate.

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF
ARMY SPECIALIST ROBERT MATTHEW
MCDOWELL

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a brave, young man who recently made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country while helping to spread freedom abroad.

Army SPC Robert Matthew McDowell, a young man whose family lives in Mobile, was on his second tour of duty in Iraq. He served as a military policeman and was based at Fort Drum, New York, with the Army's 10th Mountain Division.

Matt recently returned to Iraq after being on leave for the birth of his son, Nathan Matthew McDowell. One of the last photos made of Matt was of him holding his newborn baby boy in his proud, loving arms. It is a photo that, no doubt, young Nathan Matthew will look back on with great pride in the years to come.

Unfortunately, Matt was serving as the gunner on a heavy-duty Army vehicle on patrol in Baghdad—a very dangerous assignment—when insurgents detonated an improvised explosive device.

Madam Speaker, at this difficult time, it is only appropriate for us to pause and give thanks to God that there are still young men like Matt McDowell.

His life and actions personify the very best America has to offer. I know his many friends and family, as well as his comrades in the United States Army, while mourning the loss of this fine young man, are also taking this opportunity to remember his many accomplishments and to recall the fine gift they each received simply from knowing him and having him as an integral part of their lives.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to take a moment and pay tribute to SPC Matt McDowell and his selfless devotion to not only our country and the freedom we enjoy but to a people who are in the demanding but important stages of a new life—a new freedom—in their own land.

We should also remember his wife, Daniella McDowell; his daughter, Madison McDowell, his son, Nathan McDowell; his father and stepmother, Kim and LaDonna McDowell; his mother, Kathy Jo Kallahan; his brother, Michael McDowell; his four stepbrothers, Neal Dickman, Andy Dickman, Tyler Dickman, and Grant Dickman; and his other relatives and many friends. Our prayer is that God will give them the strength and courage that only He can provide to sustain them during the difficult days ahead.

Madam Speaker, Matt's daughter, Madison, recently wrote a poem about her Dad. With your permission, I would like to add it into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: