

value that must be learned by each generation. The United States must continually commit itself to leading the world in the fight against intolerance and oppression of people because of their religious beliefs, their ethnic heritage, of their race.

Today the Holocaust will be remembered throughout this country with events at schools, workplaces, churches, synagogues, and museums. In Israel, where many Holocaust survivors settled after the war, Yom Hashoah is noted with a two-minute sounding of sirens, religious services, and flags flown at half-staff in tribute to those who were murdered by the Nazis.

Mr. Speaker, although the horrors of the Holocaust are slipping from current memory, the lessons are clearer than ever. I am hopeful that with teaching through our schools, churches, synagogues, and museums, we can prevent future genocides and ingrain tolerance in our culture and around the world. Teaching the lessons of the Holocaust is a task we take on to honor the millions killed during World War II. "Never forget" and "never again" are not just words, but a solemn vow to do all we can to educate our children about the horrors of the Holocaust. I urge all Americans to take a moment on this Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the victims of the Holocaust.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on April 9 and 10, 2014, I was unavoidably detained attending to representational activities in my congressional district, including attendance at the memorial services for the victims of the tragic shooting at Fort Hood, and thus unable to return in time for rollcall votes 171 through 177.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 171 I would have voted "no" (April 9) (H. Con. Res. 96, Mulvaney of South Carolina Substitute Amendment No. 1).
2. On rollcall No. 172 I would have voted "yes" (April 9) (H. Con. Res. 96, Congressional Black Caucus Budget (Rep. Moore of Wisconsin Substitute Amendment No. 2)).
3. On rollcall No. 173 I would have voted "yes" (April 9) (H. Con. Res. 96, Progressive Caucus Budget (Grijalva of Arizona Substitute Amendment No. 3)).
4. On rollcall No. 174 I would have voted "no" (April 9) (H.R. 4414, Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014).
5. On rollcall No. 175 I would have voted "no" (April 10) (H. Con. Res. 96, Woodall of Georgia Substitute Amendment No. 4).
6. On rollcall No. 176 I would have voted "yes" (April 10) (H. Con. Res. 96, Democratic Alternative Budget (Rep. Van Hollen—Budget)).
7. On rollcall No. 177 I would have voted "no" (April 10) (H. Con. Res. 96, Republican Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution (Rep. Ryan—Budget)).

RECOGNIZING YOM HASHOAH—
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Yom HaShoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Almost 70 years ago, the worst genocide in modern human history was exposed to the entire world and the murder of six million Jews and other political, religious, and social minorities was forever seared into the collective memory of humankind. In the face of such an unimaginable tragedy, many individuals, including myself, have vowed to not only never allow something so heinous to occur again—we promised to never let the spirit of those victims fade from our hearts and from our minds.

It is in that vein that I have personally and professionally dedicated myself to issues such as providing Holocaust survivors with adequate financial and social services so that they may live in dignity, the dignity that was stolen from them decades ago. As a Jew, a policymaker, and a representative of one of the largest survivor populations in the United States, I have undertaken such issues with pride and humility.

This week is a particularly moving one as we engage in the National Remembrance Days here at the U.S. Capitol, and look forward to the planting of a sapling from the horse chestnut tree that was visible to Anne Frank and about which she wrote so poignantly in her diary while in hiding. Such a meaningful ceremony is particularly fitting in light of this year's Remembrance Days theme: Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses. What better way to further our American response than by planting a sapling that inspired her during her darkest days at the seat of our democracy? The tree will remind Members, staff, and the millions of annual visitors to the Capitol that life, liberty, and freedom from persecution are enduring ideals of our common humanity that we will never cease fighting for and protecting.

2014 VICTIMS' RIGHTS CAUCUS
AWARDS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the passage of the Crime Victims' Rights Act, and we celebrated that great achievement during National Crime Victims' Rights Week with our 2014 Victims' Rights Caucus Awards. We honored 6 amazing individuals and organizations who are changing the lives of victims of crime.

Fellow Houstonian Sheriff Adrian Garcia of Harris County, Texas, received the Suzanne McDaniel Memorial Award for Public Awareness. For the past 6 years, Sheriff Garcia has headed the largest sheriff's department in the state of Texas and the third largest department in the nation. He has been on the forefront of using social media to help fight crime.

His department has created an app that allows residents to report crime immediately and anonymously, if necessary. This has been especially beneficial in the fight against human trafficking. Sheriff Garcia has made cracking down on human trafficking a top priority within his department. Under his leadership, the Sheriff's Department works hard to close illegitimate businesses and to arrest those exploiting the vulnerable. The impact of Sheriff Garcia's work is far reaching. He truly is a hero whose efforts are felt in our community and homes each and every day.

Congressman SCOTT PERRY honored Mrs. Jane Tucker, the co-founder of ACCESS York with the Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award. As a survivor, Jane Tucker knew more services were needed for victims in York, Pennsylvania, so together with likeminded individuals, ACCESS-York was created. ACCESS-York is a program for victims of domestic violence that continues to provide free and confidential emergency shelter, transitional housing, medical and legal advocacy, individual and group counseling, life skills training, and a 24-hour hotline for all victims seeking help. Ms. Tucker has served ACCESS-York for thirty years, and continues to volunteer to this day. She has used her story and her work with other victims to advocate on behalf of programming for domestic violence survivors.

Congressman JOHN LEWIS honored Ms. Jessalyn Dorsey, Victims' Advocate at The Crime Victims Advocacy Council (CVAC) with the Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award. In 1999, Ms. Dorsey's only son Terrence Green was shot and killed by teens after a neighborhood party. She was devastated by the crime and eventually attended CVAC's support group for homicide survivors. As she began to heal, she started to help co-facilitate the groups. Now she runs support groups as a professional victims advocate for CVAC. She served as CVAC's President for three years and won the award for CJCC's Volunteer of the year. During her tenure, she and her team have helped over 7500 crime victims. Ms. Dorsey used what she learned from her personal tragedy to help others in similar circumstances.

The Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy was awarded to Community Action Partnership of Madera County, Victim Service Center (CAPMC) by VRC co-founder and co-chair, Rep. JIM COSTA. CAPMC operates a multi-program victim service center for Madera County, California that addresses the needs of domestic violence victims, sexual assault victims, child abuse victims, homicide victims, and victims of all types of crime. CAPMC's broad range of services greatly benefits the population that they serve. CAPMC's programs are all in one center, which reduces the barriers that can prevent victims from accessing services. In addition, CAPMC is the only agency in Madera County that provides 24 hour crisis intervention to crime victims. Congresswoman ANN WAGNER awarded Mrs. Kimberly Ritter, Director of Development of the Exchange Initiative, with the Allied Professional Award. Ms. Ritter has used her involvement with the conference and hospitality industry to raise awareness of the role that this industry can play in combatting human trafficking. She is a resource for law enforcement and hotels in the St. Louis area and around the country for training and awareness purposes, and has been the driving force behind many large hotels signing of the ECPAT Code of Conduct.