

SCHAKOWSKY INTRODUCES BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RECENT HATE CRIMES IN ILLINOIS AND INDIANA

RESOLUTION ALSO PAYS TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF THE RECENT SHOOTINGS

WASHINGTON, D.C. Calling the killing and shooting spree over the Fourth of July weekend in Illinois and Indiana a product of the doctrine of hate, U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today introduced a bipartisan Congressional resolution condemning the violence and expressing the sympathy of Congress to the victims and their families.□

"The healing process has begun in my community and in other communities in Illinois and Indiana. In honor of Ricky Byrdsong and the other victims, it is my hope that Congress acts immediately to pass this resolution," Schakowsky said.

"Our nation commands us to condemn the culture of hate that fosters violence and to reassert our commitment to a society that fully respects and protects the rights of all people, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, disability or sexual orientation," Schakowsky added.

Joining Schakowsky in introducing the resolution were Representatives John Hostettler (R-IN), whose constituent Won-Joon Woon was killed in the attack and John Porter (R-IL), whose district was also terrorized.

The resolution:

Condemns the senseless violence that occurred in Illinois and Indiana over the Fourth of July weekend.

Conveys Congress deepest sympathy to the victims and their families.

Condemns the culture of hate and the hate groups that foster such violent acts.

Commends the communities of Illinois and Indiana for uniting to condemn these acts of hate in their neighborhoods.

Commends the efforts of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials.

Reaffirms the commitment of Congress to a society that fully respects and protects all□ people, regardless of race, religions, or ethnicity.