

Rep. Jan Schakowsky  
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Extension of Remarks

Statement in Support of H.R. 3801 & Acknowledgement of Rep. Giffords' Service

I want to express my support for H.R. 3801, The Ultralight Aircraft Smuggling Prevention Act of 2012, and also my strong admiration of its sponsor, my colleague and friend Gabrielle Giffords.

Gabby will be stepping down from Congress this week to focus on her recovery, but it is clear that she is not stepping down from her commitment to public service and her devotion to her constituents. Gabby Gifford remains an inspiring example of how legislators can be effective in reaching across the aisle and encouraging cooperation between those who are often adversaries.

America has learned a lot about Gabby Giffords since the tragic shooting last January. We have watched her deal with her grievous wounds with courage and determination. We know not just her strength, but her genuine warmth. America, like all of us who have had the joy to work with her, not only respect her but love her.

I am sad to see Gabby leave the House – she will be sorely missed. I know she will continue her amazing path to recovery, with her remarkable husband Mark Kelly by her side. I look forward to working with her in the future.