

began to assemble ideas for the construction of a new church. With Father Todorovich's leadership and committed efforts, as well as the vast efforts of many parishioners, the people of Saint Sava were able to move into their current place of worship. In May of 1991, the parish celebrated a "new beginning" when a brand new building was constructed. This magnificent building opened in Merrillville, where relics which survived the fire were blessed and installed into the new church. Today, Saint Sava's members continue to gather there to worship and to celebrate, as well as to continue with the mission of their founding members.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church on their 95th anniversary. Throughout many hardships and trials, the members of Saint Sava have dedicated themselves to providing a spiritual and guiding light through the protection of the Serbian Orthodox faith and traditions for all of Northwest Indiana. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION'S 30 YEARS OF FIGHTING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

HON. JACKIE SPEIER-

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, San Francisco's Community Alliance for Special Education (CASE) was formed in 1979 in response to an unmet need to protect the educational rights of children with disabilities. As CASE celebrates its 30th anniversary, we can all celebrate their good and inspired work supporting children with disabilities by ensuring the fair and just implementation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and state special education laws.

Perhaps most impressively, CASE recognizes the financial hardship that can beset a family raising a child with a disability and has never turned away a client based on their ability to pay.

Their excellent work has led to impressive results over the past three decades, including 94% of children served by CASE receiving appropriate educational services and 95% of clients being connected to local parent networks to help them address other family needs.

Over the last thirty years, CASE has provided more than 20,000 consultations to parents and professionals, represented upwards of 3,000 families and trained in excess of 25,000 people. In addition, their handbook, Special Education Rights, is the most widely-used resource guide in California on the special education process.

Madam Speaker, you and I are both blessed to represent what San Francisco legend Herb Caen called "The city that knows how". I am happy to report that CASE furthers San Francisco's proud legacy by successfully harnessing the power of collaboration and communication to engage children, parents, educators and the community to advance the admirable goal of improving educational op-

portunities for children with disabilities so that they, too, can become happy and productive members of the community.

It is with great admiration that I commend the Community Alliance for Special Education for making our world a better place by advocating for those who otherwise might not be heard. I congratulate everyone who has had a part in making CASE the success story it is and look forward to more great work over the next thirty years.

TRIBUTE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, In recognition of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I would like to thank the United States Army for the work it has done lately to raise awareness about domestic violence. So many resources are expended ensuring that our soldiers are equipped to fight wars abroad, however, upon their return, soldiers and their families should not be subjected to war at home in the form of domestic violence. It takes a community and an ongoing commitment to address the epidemic of domestic violence. No sector of society is immune from domestic violence, including the armed services.

Fortunately, progress is being made by raising awareness about domestic violence and assisting families impacted by domestic violence. Yet, so much work remains to be done because senseless acts of violence continue to occur in homes and communities across America every day.

The 2009 Army Domestic Violence Awareness Month observance theme is "Make the Right Choice! Act to Prevent Domestic Abuse." This theme stresses the need for each person in the Army to know that he or she can do something to prevent domestic violence. For instance, the Army's Family Advocacy program is working hard to address domestic violence by providing counseling and other resources to Army families.

A critical component of these prevention efforts is to support soldiers when they return home so that the effects of conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or other reactions to the combat experience, do not contribute to domestic violence. These resources provide soldiers with the counseling and support they need to cope with the violence they were subjected to while at war.

However, we know that PTSD does not cause domestic violence; we must direct resources to address the inter-generational cycle of violence and support victims in violent relationships. We must foster an atmosphere of no tolerance for domestic violence, no matter the rank or status of the perpetrator of the violence or that of the victim.

I would like to take this opportunity today to join the Army in its commitment to educating soldiers and their families about domestic violence and recognize the collective responsibility of all of us to prevent domestic violence wherever it occurs.

I hope we can all reaffirm our commitment to raising awareness about domestic violence,

and most importantly, breaking the silence and stigma surrounding domestic violence. We do this by encouraging atmospheres of openness and responsiveness in support of victims instead of punishing them. The war against domestic violence is one that has waged far too long, but with ongoing commitment and hard work, we can win this war!

WATCHING THE GIANTS, AND AMBUSHED BY ZOMBIES

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an essay published in the New York Times and written by a constituent of mine, Mr. James H. Burns (Jim Burns) of Valley Stream.

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WATCHING THE GIANTS, AND AMBUSHED BY ZOMBIES

Columbia Pictures Images from ads for films such as "Zombieland" can startle or frighten unwarly TV viewers.

Halloween has always been the season when Hollywood unleashes some of its most suspenseful and supernatural offerings. When I was a child in the late '60s and early '70s, the horror slate was a splendid array, ranging from the relative innocence of monster-ramas to the erotically tinged creature flicks of Britain's famed Hammer Studios. Somewhere in between were the less stylish but often enjoyable low-budget drive-in fare from America's exploitation studios (almost all of which went out of business years ago) and the occasional major-studio horror movies often rereleased at this time of year.

But this mostly imaginative crop devolved to the dime-a-dozen, cut-'em-up-and-watch-'em-bleed movies, of which "Friday the 13th" is perhaps the most famous example. Although I was one of the earliest group of writers for Fangoria, the horror-movie magazine, and also acted in a couple of horror films years ago, my opinion of the genre's more grotesque examples has changed.

I used to believe that slasher movies—or "gore-or," as I started calling them in the 1980s—were like a celluloid roller coaster, a relatively harmless catharsis. But now I think that the intensity of Hollywood's blood-and-guts barrage and the ability of such films to desensitize at least a portion of the audience cannot be denied. And they certainly should not be advertised on television during what are supposed to be family viewing hours.

Sometime back, I was stunned to look up from a halftime snack to see horrifying images from one of the "Hostel" movies—rapidly edited for maximum terrifying impact—being run as a commercial during a 4 p.m. football game.

A few weeks ago, the Giants game included an advertisement with a zombie child (dressed in her chiffonlike finest, a pink bow in her hair) being dragged behind a car, and a bikinied beauty running in a parking lot, her mouth covered with a darkened ooze. (The spot, an ad for "Zombieland," ended with a "hero" threatening an obese ghoul with an oversized pair of garden shears.)

Last Sunday about 2 p.m., Giants fans saw possibly even more disturbing sequences—an apoplectic screamer, a man having convulsions, and an almost subliminal shot of a foreboding, wraithlike alien—even though