

as it was, hundreds of thousands of ordinary Germans had to simply turn a blind eye to what was happening around them.

In the book "When a Nation Forgets God," there is this unnerving account:

"I lived in Germany during the Nazi Holocaust. I considered myself a Christian. We heard stories of what was happening to the Jews, but we tried to distance ourselves from it, because, what could anyone do to stop it?"

"A railroad track ran behind our small church and each Sunday morning we could hear the whistle in the distance and then the wheels coming over the tracks. We became disturbed when we heard the cries coming from the train as it passed by. We realized that it was carrying Jews like cattle in the cars!"

"Week after week the whistle would blow. We dreaded to hear the sound of those wheels because we knew that we would hear the cries of the Jews en route to a death camp. Their screams tormented us.

"We knew the time the train was coming and when we heard the whistle blow we began singing hymns. By the time the train came past our church we were singing at the top of our voices. If we heard the screams, we sang more loudly and soon we heard them no more.

"Years have passed and no one talks about it anymore. But I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. God forgive me; forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians and yet did nothing to intervene."

Haunting words.

Without question, today, once again, the canary is struggling. In far too many places the air is poisoned with hate. What remains to be seen is whether we, who recognize this to be true, will be silent in the face of it.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DANIEL HILARIO BARAJAS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Daniel Hilario Barajas for his service to Florida's Ninth Congressional District. Daniel Hilario Barajas was born on May 4, 1982 in Winter Haven, Florida, into a migrant farm worker family. He grew up working the orange groves of Florida, tobacco fields of North Carolina, and apple orchards of Michigan.

As a young man, Daniel had legal problems due to misguided affiliations with gangs. Though he did not complete high school, he earned his GED in 2001. In 2009, he decided to walk away from gang life and founded the "Library of Hope," a charitable organization focused on collecting books and eyeglasses to donate to inmates in Polk County. Daniel is also a Fourth Degree member of The Knights of Columbus, which he joined in 2010.

After the passing of his younger sister, Maria Isabel, in June 2012, Daniel began taking a more active role within the leadership of The Young American Dreamers (YAD) which his sister founded in 2010. Daniel uses his own personal story of his struggles as a farm worker and former gang member, as exam-

ples when speaking with at-risk kids. Through his leadership as the Executive Director of YAD, Daniel has set educational standards for all members and set up an in-house tutoring program. He travels often from Polk County to Tallahassee and Washington, DC, advocating for the issues that affect his community and YAD members.

Daniel has successfully helped stop the deportation of the father of four YAD members and is a respected local leader of the immigration reform movement. He challenged Polk County's Board of County Commissioners to build a new sidewalk between Auburndale and Lakeland, after two students were fatally hit due to the lack of a walkway outside the newly built Tenoroc High School. On August 8th, 2014, construction work began on this much needed sidewalk. Currently, Daniel is working on the passage of legislation that will designate Lake Shipp Drive in Winter Haven as a memorial highway in remembrance of his beloved sister, Maria Isabel.

Daniel credits his father, Hilario, and his mother, Maria, both of whom are veterans of the social justice movement, having worked with Cesar Chavez himself, with guiding him. Daniel also attributes his life changes to his sister, Maria Isabel, and is grateful to her husband, Enrique Martinez, for helping him in all that he does. Daniel looks to his children, Mayra and Carlos, as the motivation for his social justice work. He intends to show his children how democracy works, so that they are left with a better world when they become tomorrow's leaders.

I am happy to recognize Daniel Hilario Barajas, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his perseverance and commitment to helping the Central Florida community.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GREG BROWN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American artist and muralist, Greg Brown, who died in Palo Alto, California, on August 28, 2014, at the age of 62, after a brief bout with cancer. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he moved to Palo Alto with his family at the age of two and remained in the community for the rest of his life.

Greg Brown began his painting career as a second-grade student when he painted a mural of a pilgrim as part of an assignment on Christopher Columbus. A graduate of Palo Alto High School, he took few formal art classes, but an apprenticeship with the Italian artist Roberto Lupetti helped him gradually begin to grow as an artist.

Greg Brown was Palo Alto's artist in residence in 1975, and created art for Palo Alto's centennial in 1994. His murals are a significant part of Palo Alto's public art collection and the nine trompe l'oeil vignettes adorning the walls of city buildings are treasures for all to enjoy. He also produced drawings and paintings and worked for private clients in

many places. Greg Brown was a learner, a reader, and a keen observer of people. Mr. Brown leaves his wife, Julie, of Palo Alto, his daughter Whitney of Palo Alto, and his son Justin of Redwood City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Greg Brown's entire family and to all those who knew and loved him. His legacy lives on in the lively, whimsical art he created and shared with countless appreciative people, and our community and our country have been enriched and blessed by his life.

RECOGNIZING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AS THEY HONOR THE TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Gold Trail chapter and Sierra Amador chapter, as they celebrate the two hundred twenty-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

The Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters include members across California's fourth district. The Gold Trail chapter has 154 members—some of whom are direct descendants of the Founding Fathers—residing in Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, Loomis, Granite Bay, and Folsom. The Sierra Amador chapter has more than 70 members residing in Amador, Calaveras, and surrounding counties.

I rise to join the Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in observing "Constitution Week" from September 17 through September 23. This week will be dedicated to paying tribute to our foundational document and the freedom that it continues to enshrine two hundred twenty-seven years after its drafting.

Mr. Speaker, Daniel Webster charged that our nation must "Hold on . . . to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world." It is groups like the Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters who are heeding Webster's charge and preserving the Constitution for future generations.

The Constitution of the United States of America ensures through the written law that the individual liberties of all Americans are protected and preserved, and it is my privilege to rise in recognition of the Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters' efforts to honor this anniversary with a weeklong tribute.