

Hak'hey!—assembling the whole community of the People Israel during the Sukkot after the Shmittah year, to hear and recommit ourselves to the Torah's central teachings.

So we encourage Jews in all our communities to gather on the Sunday of Sukkot this year, October 4, 2015, to explore together our responsibilities toward the Earth and all humankind, in this generation.

Our ancient earthy wisdom taught that social justice, sustainable abundance, a healthy Earth, and spiritual fulfillment are inseparable. Today we must hear that teaching in a world-wide context, drawing upon our unaccustomed ability to help shape public policy in a great nation. We call upon the Jewish people to meet God's challenge once again.

---

TPA AND TPP

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2015*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I believe that our friends on the other side of the aisle are not opposed to job creation, Congressional oversight and global economic prosperity. But I predict they will unfortunately chose unions and outside groups over giving assistance to their own workers when a trade package comes before this body. So, because of that, for the first time in half a century, they will let this policy that is so important to their party expire.

While I predict that TPA will pass, it will be a shame if the whole package isn't enacted due to the failure of this President to work with members of his own party.

---

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL  
JOSEPH MCNEIL

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2015*

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, vision and resolve: the fertile grounds for greatness. These are the qualities that Major General Joseph McNeil exemplified when in 1960 he and three of his classmates protested segregation with a sit-in at a Woolworth store in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The 'Greensboro Four', as they came to be known, were denied service at a Woolworth lunch counter because of the color of their skin. With the spirit of peaceful protest, they committed themselves to a sit-in, which, little did they know, would reverberate across the nation.

With wisdom beyond his years, Joseph knew that strength was not in the individual but in the many. The Greensboro Four united the North Carolina A&T State University student body by establishing the "Student Executive Committee for Justice" and, in the face of all controversy, he won the battle. Woolworth agreed to allow service to blacks and whites alike.

Many years later, when asked in an interview what he had felt at that trying time, Joseph responded: "Intense sense of pride, a bit of trepidation". Not three weeks before he was to depart for training at a Texas Air Force

Base was so unwilling to stand idly by in the face of injustice that he was arrested at a demonstration alongside Reverend Jesse Jackson.

The Air Force saw in Joseph what everyone else did too. From first Lieutenant to Captain; from Major to Lieutenant Colonel; from Colonel to Major General, McNeil excelled in every aspect. Today he dons the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal as a symbol of his achievements, just one the many awards Mr. McNeil earned. He received honorary degrees from North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina at Wilmington, Molloy College, and St. Johns University in my own district. He is a man truly worthy of every honor bestowed upon him.

Today, we honor Major General Joseph McNeil for his success as a civilian, a community leader, a husband, a father, and as a distinguished member of the United States Air Force. May many more be made of the cloth from which he was cut.

---

RECOGNIZING RAMADAN

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2015*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of Ramadan, which begins tonight at sundown for Muslims in Connecticut and around the world.

I offer my support for those marking the holiday. For Muslims worldwide, this month of fasting is a time for prayer, reflection, and charitable work.

With the constant cycle of violence plaguing our country and the world, let us all take this time to recommit ourselves to work together for equality and peace on earth.

Ramadan Mubarak to all observing the holiday.

---

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO  
THE VICTIMS OF THE  
SENSELESS SHOOTING AT THE  
EMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH IN  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to speak out against the senseless loss of innocent lives resulting from another senseless act of violence.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Charleston, South Carolina, the members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, pastored by the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was one of nine persons slain by a gunman motivated by hate.

Last night Rev. Pinckney, who was also a member of the South Carolina State Senate, and eight others were shot in a horrific massacre at one of the nation's historic black churches.

Mr. Speaker, it shocks the conscience that this shooting took place during a prayer meeting in a house of sanctuary.

These types of events should never happen, and should never happen in a House of the Lord.

There is no place in a civilized society for senseless acts of violence.

I commend Attorney General Lynch for her moving quickly and decisively to launch an investigation into this hate crime and bring the perpetrator to the bar of justice where he will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Mr. Speaker, as a country we have made major strides in equality and social justice but this tragedy reminds us that we still have work to do before Dr. King's dream of an America where all live and work together in brotherhood is realized.

There is no place for bigotry and hatred in our great country and individuals who wish to practice hate must be rooted out and ostracized.

Mr. Speaker, this senseless act of violence provides us with yet another opportunity to teach our children that violence is never the answer and that we all must be compassionate, inclusive, and understanding to all regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background.

We as a nation must live lives motivated by love, not hate.

We must teach our children to be tolerant, to show kindness, and to embrace and celebrate our differences.

Changing a culture of violence will not happen overnight but that is no excuse for failing to try.

We must try. For the sake of the victims of Emanuel A.M.E., we must not give up.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims in South Carolina, and victims of gun violence everywhere.

---

RECOGNIZING JANE ROZANSKI

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2015*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Jane Rozanski, a remarkable visionary and dedicated leader to the aging population of Ventura County, California.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Camarillo Health Care District, Jane has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to providing health care and improving the access of medical services to seniors in our community. For over two decades, Jane oversaw the development of the district, which has grown to serve over 35,000 residents annually.

Under the steadfast leadership of Jane Rozanski, along with her highly skilled team, the Camarillo Health Care District embodies the commitment to provide quality and affordable medical care. The Camarillo Health Care District has been recognized throughout California as a model of innovation and efficiency, has received statewide recognition as the Executive Team of the Year by the Association of California Healthcare Districts, and has been recognized nationally as an innovative and competent partner in federal projects.

Jane has worked tirelessly to improve access to healthcare services throughout the community. In addition to her impressive work in the Camarillo Health Care District, she has upheld the responsibility of a commissioner on the California Commission on Aging for nearly three years and has brought her valuable expertise on how to best serve California's elderly citizens.