

# **The Introduction of Legislation to Honor American Rescuers of the Holocaust with a Congressional Gold Medal**

Mid-Atlantic - Eurasia Business Council is happy to announce that the bill to honor American rescuers of the Holocaust was introduced into Congress on Tuesday, April 18, by Congresswoman Judy Chu of Pasadena, California. The bill, H.R.2668 - US Rescue and Aid Individuals of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2023, is posted [here](#). The introduction of the bill was announced at a special ceremony and press conference on April 18, 2023 in front of the United States Capitol. Here is the [CSPAN link](#) to a recording of the ceremony.

In attendance were the families of a number prominent American rescuers. Among them were Anna Eleanor Seagraves-Fierst (great granddaughter of Eleanor Roosevelt), Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (daughter of Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.), Harold Ickes, Jr. (son of Harold Ickes), Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt and Laurene Sherlock (nephew and granddaughter of Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt), Mary Mochary (daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Kasser), Artemis Joukowsky (grandson of Martha and Waitstill Sharp), Abigail Bingham Endicott and Chester Hanson (daughter and grandson of Hiram "Harry" Bingham, IV), Dan Smith RuBoss (nephew of Vratislav Stula). Other guests included Gary Krupp and Tom Avitabile, of the Pave the Way Foundation, Eric Rubin and Thomas Yazdgerdi, of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA), Eric Angra, filmmaker, Bryan Boorugy, filmmaker, Christy Marella, teacher and filmmaker, Val Kogan, representing the Carl Lutz family, Valentin Hasler and Ben Schidla, de Sousa Mendes Foundation, Gerald Yamada and Howard High, Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), David Inoue, Japanese American Citizen's League (JACL), Zoe Grossman, and organizers of this program, Carolyn Bryant and Eric Saul, Institute for the Study of Rescue and Altruism in the Holocaust.

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Mid-Atlantic - Eurasia Business Council is pleased to invite you to attend the ceremony of the Introduction of Legislation to Honor American Rescuers of the Holocaust with a Congressional Gold Medal. The bill is being sponsored by Congresswoman Judy Chu, of Pasadena, California, while other Congressional sponsors and co-leads of the bill will participate. This ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 18, from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. at the Triangle on the East front of the Capitol, on the House side. A speaker's following program in the Emancipation Hall at the Capitol Visitor's Center will take place from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Moreover, some additional activities will take place on April 19-20, 2023. For more information, see this [flyer](#).