

Last night, Congressman Quigley delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

Mister Speaker, today I had the honor of speaking with Chicago Firefighter Annette Nance-Holt, and Chicago Police Officer Ronald Holt. On May 10th, 2007, their 16 year old son Blair was shot and killed when a gang member opened fire on a crowded city bus. Blair jumped in front of another student to shield her.

When the child of two public servants gives his life to save another from the scourge of gun violence, I have to ask: are we prepared to do this for kids?

Over 500 Chicago Public school students were involved in gun incidents over the last two years. That's two students for every member of this House who signed a brief urging the Supreme Court to put even more guns in Chicago's streets and schools.

This Congress has allows unlicensed dealers to sell guns at gun shows, to people on the terrorist watch list, and refuses to reauthorize the assault weapon ban. Congress has failed to hold the middle-ground on guns.

Blair Holt took a bullet to protect a friend. Is it too much to ask this House to take a tough vote to protect our kids?