

Today, Congressman Quigley delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in support of Mr. Murphy's amendment to repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell.

At its core, this is a vote against discrimination and division, a symbolic gesture to the country and the world that Congress' commitment to equality will always triumph over inequality.

As LGBT activist David Mixner said at the inception of this unfortunate policy, "they frighten our neighbors with the big lie.

They paint pictures that only contain dark colors.

They resort to the same bigoted arguments that have been used for centuries to deny every minority their freedom and equal rights.”

Today, we must rise up against these forces that conspire against progress and equality in every generation.

Today, it is our turn to send a message to the nation – Congress will never again sanction bigotry in our armed services.