

Honors victims of brutal Soviet economic policies "

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

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the victims of the Ukrainian Genocide, and the deliberate famine which claimed the lives of ten million innocent Ukrainians.

Under Stalin's rule, Ukrainian farmers were stripped of their land, and by the end of 1933, nearly one quarter of Ukrainian's population had starved to death. This atrocity was intended to break the spirit of the Ukrainian people, but it did not succeed. The strong willed people of Ukraine overcame this dark time, and eventually emerged from communist rule as a democratic nation.

The Ukrainian people are a testament to what the human spirit can not only ensure, but triumph over. Ukraine has prospered in the last seventy years since this atrocity. But as we move forward, we must never forget the past. Organizations like the American National Museum in Chicago and activists like Nicholas Mischenko, the president of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation, should be commended for their work to ensure the world never forgets this man made tragedy. Thank you, and I yield back.