

BECERRA ON RESOLUTION HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN GIFFORDS AND VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY IN ARIZONA

WASHINGTON, DC — Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, made the following remarks on the House Floor today in support of a resolution honoring Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, her staff and victims of the tragic shooting that took place on Saturday, January 8, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona.

“To our friend and colleague Gabby Giffords, to the victims and heroes in Tucson, and to all of their loved ones, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have won our hearts with your courage and example in these difficult times.

Gabby, knowing your ethic of hard work, tenacity and determination... and knowing you as a fighter for what you believe in, I simply say to you: keep at it, don't stop... fight, fight, fight! And we will look forward to seeing you and welcoming you here in your house, the People's House.

Times like these make it unmistakably clear how important second chances are. Not everyone in Tucson will have that second chance. How lucky we are that we can pick up the baton for them and finish the job of seeking justice and making our democracy a more perfect union.

America, this is our second chance. This is our opportunity to shine. Let us make our work... whether here as the duly sworn Representatives of the People or as the media or as the responsible citizens of America... let us make our work count. It's our turn to show courage and example as we move forward doing our own part to build a better America. We owe that to Gabby and to the good people of Arizona. Let's honor them by hitting that second chance out of the park.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.”