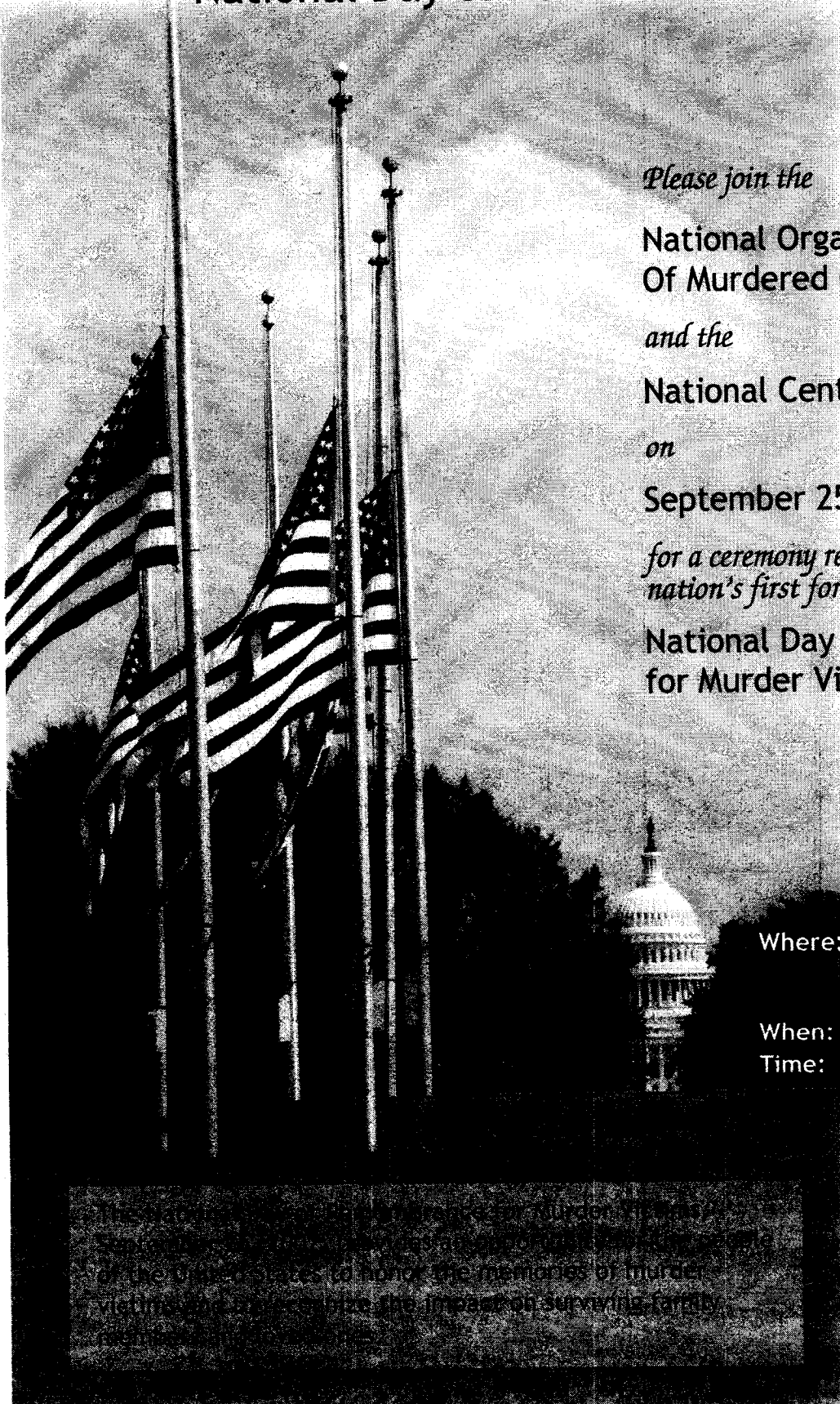


# Save the Date

National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims



*Please join the*

National Organization of Parents  
Of Murdered Children, Inc.

*and the*

National Center for Victims of Crime

*on*

September 25, 2007

*for a ceremony recognizing our  
nation's first formal observance of the*

National Day of Remembrance  
for Murder Victims

First-ever showing of the  
Murder Wall on Capitol Hill.

**Where:** Senate Caucus Room (SR-325)

Senate Russell Building  
Constitution and Delaware

**When:** September 25, 2007

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.



National Organization of  
Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
**Victims of Crime**

7:00 Pavilion  
Johnson

## National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims September 25, 2007

Download a copy of [Day of Remembrance flyer](#)

### **Background Information**

September 25, 2007 will mark the first *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims* to honor the memories of murder victims and recognize the impact of homicide on surviving family members and loved ones.

Year after year, murder extinguishes the hopes and dreams of thousands of Americans. Since the year 2000, more than 113,000 persons have been murdered in the United States. Last year alone, 16,742 individuals lost their lives through acts of human violence, and, for all these murder victims, there are untold numbers of mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters, friends, co-workers, and neighbors whose lives are forever altered by the tragedy and horror of suddenly losing a loved one.

After the initial shock of the death and news headlines fade away, family members often struggle alone with their loss and become overwhelmed with the devastating experience of picking up the pieces. The *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims* sends a powerful message to these individuals that we, as a Nation, remember their tragedy, honor their courage, and vow to do whatever we can to help them rebuild their lives. That is why we also focus during this observance on organizations, such as the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children and the National Center for Victims of Crime, that provide support, guidance, and counseling for homicide survivors. Families and friends can look to these groups as a source of strength and hope.

The *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims* also reminds us that murder impacts each and every one of us, and every community nationwide. This Day calls us to work diligently to prevent the violence that destroys lives and devastates families. Established days of remembrance memorialize many dark days in our Nation's history, including the Oklahoma City bombing, the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, and, most recently, the massacre at Virginia Tech. As solemn and rightfully remembered as these horrific tragedies are, we must also remember that people are murdered every single day. During the *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims* we remember and honor all these victims and their courageous survivors.

This observance has bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress and follows the unanimous passage of a House of Representatives resolution (H. Res. 223 introduced by Reps. John Shadegg, R-AZ, and Steve Chabot, R-OH), supporting the *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims*. A similar resolution (S. Res. 237) has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator John Cornyn, R-TX.

The *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims* will be recognized during a special event on September 25, 2007, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. The Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, is

supporting this memorial event, which will involve members of Congress, family members of murder victims, and representatives of victim assistance organizations.

**National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.**

The National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., ([www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)) is the only national self-help organization designed solely to offer emotional support and information about surviving the loss of a loved one to murder. With chapters across the United States, POMC provides assistance and support to more than 100,000 survivors each year.

**National Center for Victims of Crime**

The National Center for Victims of Crime ([www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)) is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization dedicated to forging a national commitment to help victims of crime rebuild their lives. The National Center's National Crime Victim Helpline, 1-800-FYI-CALL, offers victims supportive counseling, practical information about crime and victimization, referrals to local community resources, and skilled advocacy in the criminal justice and social service systems.

For more information about the *National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims*, please contact:

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**National unveiling of POMC's Murder wall**

This event will center around the very first *national* unveiling of POMC's Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories at the nation's Capitol in Washington, DC. Although the Wall has traveled around the country and been displayed at every conference, it has never been nationally unveiled.

“Since it was first established over 20 years ago, it has always been a dream of POMC to have the Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories nationally unveiled at a major event in

Washington, DC - an event that would be centered solely around the Wall. I can't believe that it is finally going to happen," said Nancy Ruhe, POMC's Executive Director.

Currently, there are 26 panels of the Murder Wall.... Each panel holds 120 names, dates of birth and dates of death. When displayed, the Wall makes a powerfully statement of the violence in our society, and of the numbers of loved ones senselessly killed by others. Not only does it give comfort, but also hope, because every name on it cries out silently for awareness, prevention and justice.

If you would like to have a loved one's name permanently mounted on a panel prior to the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, and the first national unveiling of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories, contact National POMC. If you would like a Memorial Card for your loved one, contact National POMC at (888) 818-7662, or download the memorial card consent form from POMC's website. POMC must receive your loved one's information no later than August 25, 2007, to ensure its inclusion at the unveiling.

### **Bus Trip To Washington D.C.**

The Cincinnati Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children is organizing a bus trip to Washington D.C. for the 1<sup>st</sup> unveiling of the Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories. The cost is \$65.00 per person if the bus is full. The bus holds 56 people. It leaves promptly at 5:00 A.M. on Sep 25<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive by 4:30 A.M. Parking is available at Thomson Building, 5181 Natorp Blvd (from 71 North, take left on FieldsErtl/Mason Montgomery Exit, and after 3 traffic lights turn left on Natorp Blvd). The bus trip is 9 hours including two 30 minute breaks. Please pack your lunch for the trip, you are allowed to bring a small cooler. The pick up and drop off in Washington D.C. will be at the Senate Russell Building. Once you reach Washington D.C. you will have free time until the ceremony starts. The bus leaves D.C. by 9:00 P.M. Please send your check to Sharon Nolan by September 1. Her address is:

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1257 Deblin Drive  
Milford, OH 45150

Phone: 513-722-7802

If you need to stay in a hotel overnight in Cincinnati, please call Ramada Limited in Mason @513-336-7911. The cost is \$58.00 plus tax.

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**May 14, 2007**

## House Passes Shadegg Resolution Encouraging National Day Of Remembrance For Murder Victims

September 25th Marks Occasion For Americans To Honor Memory Of All Murder Victims Washington, DC- Today, Congressman John Shadegg (R-AZ) announced the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution (H. Res. 223) he co-authored with Rep. Steve Chabot that encourages the establishment of September 25th of each year as a "National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims."

"Too often, victims' families are left alone to cope with their loss and feel overwhelmed by the bureaucratic complexities of the criminal justice system. This resolution not only encourages the establishment of a National Day of Remembrance, but honors organizations such as the Valley of the Sun chapter of Parents of Murdered Children that provide support services and grief counseling to loved ones of murder victims," said Rep. Shadegg. "Long after the story of a homicide fades from newspapers and television programs, victims' families and friends are often left to mourn their loved ones in isolation. Today I have asked Members of Congress to join me in letting these families know they are not alone, and that as a nation we will remember the legacy of so many lives tragically cut short."

Congressman Shadegg noted there are established days of remembrance for many occasions, including one for September 11, 2001 and the April 19, 2005 Oklahoma City bombs. "These are solemn times in our nation's history. However, Americans are murdered every day and their families endure untold suffering. Every 10 weeks 3,000 people in our country are murdered, the same number of Americans brutally murdered on September 11, 2001. Congress must encourage establishing a day that honors the memory of all murder victims," said Rep. Shadegg.  
The vote was 369-0.

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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**For Immediate Release**  
**May 14, 2007**

**CONGRESS ENACTS RESOLUTION HONORING MURDER VICTIMS**

**Cincinnati, Ohio---** The United States Congress overwhelmingly today approved House Resolution 223, which 1) Supports the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims and 2) recognizes the significant benefits of the organizations that provide services to the loved ones of murder victims.

The designation of a National Day of Remembrance For Murder Victims on September 25th of each year provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor the memories of murder victims and to recognize the impact on surviving family members.

The House Resolution was co-authored by Representative John Shadegg, (AZ) and Representative Steve Chabot (OH) to ensure that homicide survivors and their families are not forgotten. Representative Shadegg said "These are solemn times in our nation's history. However, Americans are murdered every day and their families endure untold suffering. However, every 10 weeks 3,000 people in our country are murdered, the same number of Americans brutally murdered on September 11, 2001. Congress must encourage establishing a day that honors the memory of all murder victims."

Dan Levey, the National President of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc said "this day will serve as a important yearly reminder to the rest of the country of our loved ones who were murdered and it will help ensure our loved ones will always be remembered and never forgotten." Levey, also added "we thank both Rep. Shadegg and Rep. Chabot for their unwavering commitment to seeing this resolution through the legislative process and for seeing its importance to survivors."

September 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the date for the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims to honor Robert and Charlotte Hullinger of Cincinnati, Ohio who founded the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc, (POMC) in 1978 after the murder of their daughter Lisa, who was killed on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Each year in the United States over 16,000 people are murdered.