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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today joined the U.S. House of Representatives in honoring Gabriel "Gabe" Zimmerman, a member of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' (AZ-08) staff who was killed in the January 8th attack in Tucson, Arizona. The House passed H. Res. 364 naming room 215 in the House Capitol Visitor's Center after Gabe, the first Congressional staffer killed while performing his official duties, by a vote of 419-0.

"I can't think of a more fitting memorial to Gabe than to forever place his name in the halls of the U.S. Capitol," Congressman Altmire said. **"As a former Congressional staffer and now Member of Congress, I know the sense of pride and honor we all have in serving in this body, both in Washington and at home. Gabe Zimmerman embodied everything this chamber stands for – dedication, service, and love of country. While he was tragically taken from us on January 8th, his memory will forever remain in the halls of Congress and in the hearts and minds of the Congressional staffers across the country. While this memorial cannot make up for Gabe's loss, our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his family, his fiancée, Kelly, and his friends as we celebrate the life and work of this vibrant young man."**