

Citizenship due for N.Y. shooting victims

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NEW YORK -- Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said those foreigners killed in a shooting rampage in Binghamton, N.Y., may soon receive posthumous honorary U.S. citizenship.

Schumer said in a statement that up to 11 of the 13 people killed in the American Civic Association shooting April 3 could become honorary U.S. citizens as part of proposed legislation offered by the state's senators, CNN reported Thursday.

"The people who were so cruelly and suddenly taken from us in Binghamton were the very epitome of the huddled masses yearning to breathe free who have made America a great nation," the senator said, quoting the poem "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus.

A total of 17 people were shot by 41-year-old Jiverly Wong during the Binghamton shooting, police said. Wong fatally shot himself during the deadly incident.

Authorities in Binghamton told CNN the 11 people killed in the shooting were originally from Brazil, China, Haiti, Iraq, Pakistan, Vietnam and the Philippines.

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