that, with the fall of the Nazis, racism would be abolished from the earth. They were mistaken. Fifty years after the fall of Hitler, his successors have arisen in various corners of the world.

Today is a time for reflection, but it is not enough to simply remember. We must continue to fight hatred and intolerance wherever it exists, for human freedom depends on the presence of justice, the justice that was denied to so many during the dark days of World War II. To ignore that lesson is unforgivable.

Today in the Darfur region of Sudan, genocide is taking place. This conflict has engulfed millions of people and cost hundreds of thousands of lives. Innocent people are being murdered, starved, and driven from their homes simply because of the color of their skin.

As we commemorate Yom HaShoah, it is my hope that all people will banish the sort of dark hatred that gave rise to the Holocaust and, more recently, to the events in Darfur. May our consciences prevent us always from being bystanders in times and places where that sort of evil is present. Today I remember the past and take a stand for our future.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS GATLIN, 2009 LOUISIANA NURSE OF THE YEAR

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Gatlin, RN, OCN, MHA, a nursing director at the Baton Rouge General, for being named 2009 Nurse of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

Chris is a long-time nurse at the Baton Rouge General, and her colleagues and friends state that she is representative of a true leader. From her work as an oncology nurse, to her service to those well beyond the hospital walls, Chris demonstrates the art and caring as a nurse by her promotion of this profession through example and participation.

In addition to being one of the most compassionate caregivers, Chris is involved with many programs, projects, and initiatives related to oncology nursing. From promoting her profession through college classroom visits and national speaking engagements, to teaching classes to help nurses at the Baton Rouge General receive the highest certifications in oncology nursing, Chris is a constant advocate for the profession and a mentor to many.

But one of Chris’ most important and meaningful achievements is spearheading an initiative to increase awareness about the management of pain for cancer patients. As an oncology nurse, Chris saw how pain affected the daily lives of those suffering with this terminal disease. With a simple commitment to help her patients, she shepherded resources and the stakeholder—creating the Louisiana Pain Initiative. Through this group, she secured grant money from the Pain Foundation to conduct the first Survey on Pain in Louisiana. She was also able to gain support around the state and participate in countless interviews for the “Power Over Pain Louisiana Campaign.” Chris continues to work closely with the group, making a difference in the lives of many in our state.

Chris is also highly involved with the American Cancer Society (ACS). She participates annually, usually as a team leader, in the Relay for Life event and serves as a member of ACS’s board of directors. She is also active in the community by promoting skin and prostate cancer screenings, breast self-exams, lung cancer awareness, and smoking cessation education.

Anyone who knows Chris quickly learns of her excitement and enthusiasm for nursing and zest for life. Colleagues at the Baton Rouge General look to Chris as an example of how a focused and dedicated person can change the world for many. And though Chris would never seek out this type of recognition for her amazing work, everyone at Baton Rouge General believes she earns the right and privilege to be named Louisiana’s Nurse of the Year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chris Gatlin for being named Louisiana’s Nurse of the Year. This truly amazing and selfless individual has proven that one person can change the world for many.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FEDERAL CHARTER ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce, along with my colleague WALTER JONES, a bill to grant a federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America. The MOAA is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization that plays an active role in military personnel matters while working with Congress to propose legislation affecting our active duty, National Guard and Reserve forces, the retired community, veterans and survivors of the uniformed services.

The MOAA is the largest professional association for military officers and the fourth largest veterans organization in the nation with nearly 370,000 members. Nonetheless, MOAA remains the only major veterans organization in the country without a Congressional Charter. Although a Federal Charter does not confer any specific rights or benefits, it provides public recognition to membership organizations that serve the public interest. A Charter also will enable some state-level MOAA affiliates to benefit of those whom they serve and represent.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John M. Connally, Jr., who recently was honored for his contributions to the insurance and financial services industry. The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Dallas named John the 2007 Advisor of the Year at their awards ceremony last June. This organization encourages...
IN RECOGNITION OF QUALITY ROAD, OWNER-BREEDER EDWARD P. EVANS AND SPRING HILL FARM IN CASANOVA, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Edward P. Evans for his lifelong commitment to the horse racing industry, and specifically for his efforts in promoting and sustaining the sport of thoroughbred racing.

Mr. Evans is recognized nationally and internationally for his accomplishments in thoroughbred breeding and racing. He is known for breeding leading sires and broodmares in the thoroughbred industry for more than fifty years including Horse of the Year Saint Liam.

The impressive win at the Florida Derby displayed Quality Road’s ability to win at the 1 1/8-mile distance and establishes him as a formidable contender for the Kentucky Derby.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Edward P. Evans and Spring Hill Farm on the accomplishments of an impeccably-bred horse, Quality Road. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Quality Road continued success in the 135th running of the Kentucky Derby and the first leg of the 2009 Triple Crown Series.

HONORING THE BATON ROUGE GENERAL

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Baton Rouge General for earning the tremendous honor—for the fifth time—as the Hospital of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

The Baton Rouge General, established more than a century ago as the first hospital in the Baton Rouge area, is still committed to serving the residents of this community. This hospital boasts a legacy rich in clinical achievement, timely and responsive technological advancement, and dependable yet creative approaches to the delivery of quality care and services to those it serves.

The Baton Rouge General aids a nine-parish region as a teaching hospital for both physicians and nurses, and provides the community with an extensive range of services, including one of only two Regional Burn Centers in the state of Louisiana.

Moreover, the Baton Rouge General’s Pennington Cancer Center became the first in the nation to treat patients using the ARTISTE™ the most advanced cancer-fighting technology available today. This technology allows cancer patients to remain close to home for treatment—surrounded by friends and family—and still receive the best cancer treatment available anywhere in the country.

In addition to ARTISTE™ the hospital’s Pennington Cancer Center has become known for developing the most comprehensive and advanced cancer treatment program in the region, including inpatient, outpatient, surgical and medical oncology services; radiation treatment; and cancer research programs at both campuses of the Baton Rouge General. Also, through the Baton Rouge General’s Women’s Heart Center, the hospital provides complete cardiac care—recognized by many national organizations for the highest quality and outcomes.

Again, the Baton Rouge General’s dedication to excellence was highlighted nationally in 2008 when it was named one of the nation’s Top 25 Most Connected Hospitals in America by Health Imaging and IT Magazine. The hospital is in the final stages of developing a $16 million, state-of-the-art information technology system, which has been the subject of multiple national articles.

As the Baton Rouge General forges into the new millennium, the hospital is more committed than ever to providing exceptional care from the region’s best nurses, physicians and clinical professionals. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Baton Rouge General as it continues to provide needed medical services, life-saving, state-of-the-art technology and the best care to its community.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, today is Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom Hashoah, which is marked by ceremonies this week in the United States, Israel and around the world. It is a solemn day commemorating the Hebrew anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and each year it is an opportunity to revisit the lessons of the Holocaust and commit ourselves to aiding the innocent living communities that were destroyed by the Nazis.

Decades have passed since the Nazis and their willing counterparts committed mass genocide of European Jewry. Tragically, despite a clear historical record, Holocaust denial is still practiced by anti-Semitism and anti-Semitism. The threat grows greater as the eyewitnesses who survived the Holocaust pass on.

In a new chapter of struggle, these eyewitnesses increasingly face a different kind of daily challenge for survival. Of the approximately 100,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States, at least 25 percent live below the federal poverty level. Tragically, the current economic crisis is pushing this already vulnerable population to even further financial uncertainty. In Los Angeles, home to approximately 15,000 survivors, the Holocaust Survivor Program at Jewish Family Services has reported a sharp increase in requests for emergency financial assistance. Those who receive public benefits have already seen a cut in their Social Security payments, and are expecting additional cuts to their medical benefits, and the In-Home Supportive Services program that will go into effect this summer.

Around the country, Holocaust survivors are facing the loss of their homes of many years to foreclosure, at least in part because they have drawn on the equity in their homes to help meet daily expenses. Such displacement is distressing for any senior citizen, but the impact on survivors is often exacerbated by physical and mental health ailments from their wartime experience. It is clear that indigent survivors in Los Angeles, the United States and around the world are in dire need.

The United States and the international community have the opportunity to deliver justice and aid for these survivors at the upcoming “Holocaust Era Assets Conference,” which will be held in June by the government of the Czech Republic in Prague. The objective of the conference is to assess the progress made since a similar conference was convened in Washington in 1998.