

Corridor, which will provide additional natural gas to Europe.

On a security front, Azerbaijan has been a key ally in a post 9/11 era, emerging as one of the first countries to offer strong support and assistance to the United States. Actively participating in joint operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Azerbaijan has also extended important overflight clearances for U.S. and NATO flights and provided key supply routes to Afghanistan by making available its ground and Caspian naval transportation facilities. The transit route through Azerbaijan accounts for some 40 percent of the Coalition supplies bound for Afghanistan.

As the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day and to recognize the valuable bilateral relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan. I also encourage my colleagues who are interested in supporting Azerbaijan to join me as a member of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, a bipartisan group of more than 60 Members of Congress working to help foster the growing partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan and to advance U.S. interests in this pivotal region.

RECOGNIZING THE TRINITY
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BASE-
BALL TEAM STATE CHAMPION-
SHIP

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Trinity Catholic High School Baseball Team's State Championship Title.

It is with great pride that I stand to honor this momentous accomplishment. On Wednesday, May 14, with great determination and skill, the Trinity Catholic Celtics rose to win Marion County's first baseball state championship. These young men, after dedicating countless hours, were rewarded with a well deserved victory. Moreover, this honor was received with true sportsmanship and class.

This distinguished accomplishment is indicative of the power of our nation's youth. The drive, as well as the athleticism displayed by Trinity Catholic High's Baseball Team should serve as a model for all those who dream of great feats. The people of Florida's 11th Congressional District are extremely proud and I invite you all to join me in extending our most sincere congratulations.

Therefore, I, RICHARD B. NUGENT, Member of Congress representing the Eleventh District of Florida, do hereby recognize the Trinity Catholic High School Baseball Team's State Championship Title.

USA FREEDOM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3361, the USA FREEDOM Act,

as amended. Although I was a cosponsor of the USA Freedom Act as originally written, the bill we voted on today was changed substantially before being brought to the floor. I am very concerned with the short time frame members had to consider this sweeping legislation, which was negotiated behind closed doors and would not do enough to protect Americans from government surveillance.

I support ending the bulk collection of Americans' communications, secret interpretations of law by the FISA Court, and "reverse targeting" of Americans by the intelligence agencies. Although H.R. 3361 is an improvement over current law, the House should negotiate a stronger bill in a transparent process through regular order that will do more to protect Americans' privacy.

I encourage the Senate to make much needed changes to this bill and send back a real reform package that does a better job of protecting privacy and is consistent with the expectations of our constituents.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN
LEGION POST 40 AND ROYAL CA-
NADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 120

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, for their ongoing friendship with American Legion Post 40 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The camaraderie between these two posts began in 1978 when four members of the Canadian Legion in Georgetown, Ottawa, headed to Plymouth for a fishing trip. Before long, they found themselves chatting with members of the local American Legion Post. The following year, the Georgetown vets were invited to attend the annual Memorial Day parade in Plymouth—and so began 35 years of exchange. Each year, American Legion members attend the Warriors' Day parade in Ottawa and Canadian Legion members march with our Plymouth veterans on Memorial Day.

The relationship between these two veteran associations is emblematic of the affinity between our nations. Not only are we neighbors, allies, and friends, but we also share a border, a continent, and core democratic values. As such, I was touched when American Legion Post 40 Commander Phil Ryan told our office, "There's nothing we wouldn't do for them." This, Mr. Speaker, is true friendship.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, and American Legion, Post 40, for 35 years of friendship, respect, and understanding between their posts. I look forward to watching this alliance continue to thrive.

RECOGNIZING SOUVENISE JEANNE
BAZILE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize Ms. Souvenise Jeanne Bazile, who passed away on May 11, 2014.

Ms. Bazile, who lived in Spring Valley, New York, was 107 at the time of her passing. Originally from Haiti, she moved to United States in 1978 to join her husband. Ms. Bazile was a loving mother who dedicated herself to her six children, fifteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Just a few months ago, Ms. Bazile fulfilled one of her dreams: becoming an American citizen. After living here for three decades, working hard and contributing to society, Ms. Bazile became one of the oldest immigrants ever to gain citizenship. She is truly an inspiration for all those who hope to one day achieve the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my constituent, Ms. Souvenise Jeanne Bazile. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her tremendous life.

RECOGNIZING BUNKERS IN
BAGHDAD

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to speak about an outstanding organization headquartered in Buffalo, New York: Bunkers in Baghdad.

The organization was started by Joe Hanna in 2008 after learning that golf had become a favorite form of stress relief for soldiers serving in combat zones overseas. The purpose of Bunkers in Baghdad is simple—they collect new and used golf balls and golf clubs and then ship them overseas to soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The program also includes injured veterans who are currently recovering in Wounded Warriors programs and other military installations and VA hospitals across the United States.

The first official shipment of golf balls went out in November 2008 to reach Iraq in time for the holidays. The inaugural shipment was made even more special by the fact that it was coordinated and packaged by students from the Williamsville Central School District. In addition to raising money to ship each box directly through the United States Postal Service, the students packed each box with balls, holiday cards, and letters they wrote to the soldiers.

I would like to recognize and congratulate the organization on their accomplishments. In just 5 short years, Bunkers in Baghdad has collected and shipped 5 million golf balls and 150,000 golf clubs to our military service men and women and wounded warriors in all 50 states and 30 countries around the world. This initiative, focused on those who have given so much, is an example to us all as we continue to honor those who serve.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE GRAPEVINE HIS-
TORICAL SOCIETY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the

Grapevine Historical Society of Grapevine, Texas.

In 1973, the Grapevine Historical Society was organized and incorporated as a nonprofit organization. The first project that the group undertook was to preserve the Cotton Belt Depot. The railroad had no further use for the Depot and intended to demolish it. In order to save the Cotton Belt Depot, members of the Grapevine Garden Club, led by Alberta Nettleton, organized the Grapevine Historical Society to move the Depot off the railroad land to Heritage Park.

The Grapevine Historical Society solicited items of historical significance from the community to start its first museum inside the Depot. Due to the growth of the collection, the Society eventually employed a curator for the museum. The railroad later sold the land where the Depot had been on Main Street to the City of Grapevine. The Heritage Foundation had been formed in the meantime and took over the project of moving the Depot back to its original location and restoring it.

Over the past forty years, the Grapevine Historical Society has published several books that detail the history of the City of Grapevine. In 1979, the first edition of *The Grapevine Area History Book* was published under the direction of editor Charles Young. In 2006, editor Sandra Tate and members of the Society assembled a second book entitled *Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters*. This book contains over 400 stories from people who pioneered the City of Grapevine and individuals who are currently living in the city today.

The Grapevine Historical Society has also sponsored a program to preserve the oral history of Grapevine. The Audio History Project includes stories from city leaders on education, business, and government. In addition, the Grapevine Historical Society compiled the first inventory of headstones in several area cemeteries including Grapevine, Bear Creek, Minters Chapel, and Parker Cemeteries.

The Grapevine Historical Society originated the Historical Marker Program and has dedicated and provided markers for various landmark buildings throughout Grapevine.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Grapevine Historical Society for its 40th anniversary. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Grapevine Historical Society on its commitment to preserve the history of the City of Grapevine.

INTRODUCTION OF ROBIN DANIELSON ACT OF 2014

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, American women deserve the ability to make educated decisions when purchasing products that could potentially endanger their health and their lives. Women in America spend over \$2 billion per year on feminine hygiene products. Recent independent studies led by women's health organizations have shown that some feminine hygiene products could contain additives that may be harmful to a woman's health. The FDA requires tampon manufacturers to monitor dioxin levels but this information is not

readily made available to the public. Diseases such as cervical cancer, endometriosis, infertility, and ovarian cancer may be linked to feminine hygiene products in our bodies but there is no way of knowing the extent of these connections with the lack of research on feminine health today.

Women's health issues and feminine hygiene are taboo subjects in many cultures, including our own. In order to move past stigmas associated with menstrual health, leaders must unite to promote research that will educate and empower women and also ensure their safety and health. It is time to ensure that accurate information with regards to women's health is being collected and is readily accessible. That is why I have introduced legislation that directs the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct research to determine the extent of contaminants in feminine hygiene products. The Robin Danielson Act of 2014 directs the NIH to research whether the presence of dioxin, synthetic fibers, and other chemical additives like chlorine and fragrances pose any health risks to women who use feminine hygiene products. Recent studies from women's health organizations have found that they might.

We must be a leader in fighting against the challenges that confront women's health globally. This way, we can break the silence around the world by confronting taboos that interfere with the well-being of women by proving that these issues deserve our attention. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation that I am introducing on Menstrual Hygiene Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SMITHSONIAN EXPOSITION OF THE WAMPANOAG MISHOON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the addition of a piece of Massachusetts'—and our nation's—history to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). In September 2013, a traditional canoe of the Wampanoag tribe, known as a mishoon, was delivered to the NMAI from Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts—completing its trip down the coast from the Wampanoag's historical home to our nation's capital. Here, it will be proudly displayed as a symbol of the cultural significance and technological advancement of the Tribe.

The history of the Wampanoag is deeply intertwined with the turbulent settlement and birth of our nation. Known as “the People of the First Light,” the Wampanoag Tribe inhabited southern New England at the arrival of the first European settlers. It was the Wampanoag with whom the Pilgrims celebrated the first “Thanksgiving,” and it was from the preceding and continued interactions between these settlers and that native population that our modern judicial system and promotion of civil rights evolved.

Today, the Wampanoag Tribe continues to play an active role in promoting tribal rights and preserving their heritage. Plimoth Plantation's Wampanoag Indigenous Program is a shared museum that has worked to educate

citizens across the country and raise public awareness of the shared history, rich culture, and traditions of the tribe. The gift of the hand-made mishoon—a vessel of passage and goods—is symbolic of the role of the Wampanoag people have played from the early years of our nation to our continued fight for equality and tribal rights. I am proud that it has found a home at the NMAI—an institution devoted to the preservation of our nation's intricate history.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues and their constituents to join me in experiencing a page out of history and visiting the Wampanoag mishoon at the NMAI.

COMMEMORATING AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of Republic Day on May 28.

Located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe, Azerbaijan was established in 1918 becoming the first democratic and secular republic in the Muslim world before being incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1920. The country regained its independence in 1991.

Lasting only two years, from May 1918 to April 1920, Azerbaijan's first democratically elected government was committed to a strong and independent democratic state.

The desire of independence did not die in Azerbaijan in 1920. On October 18, 1991, the Independent Republic of Azerbaijan was officially restored by a declaration of Azerbaijan's National Assembly, Milli Mejlis.

Today Azerbaijan is a thriving democracy and a strong ally to the U.S. Azerbaijan enjoys one of the fastest growing economies in the world. With the inauguration of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline, oil from the Caspian Sea now has an alternative route to reach world markets, bypassing Russian controlled pipelines. Soon the parallel natural gas pipeline will further dilute Russia's monopoly on energy in that region.

Azerbaijan is a partner in international and regional organizations including the U.N., Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

Again, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day, and to recognize the invaluable bilateral relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan.

HONORING HERBERT “HERB” GREENBERG

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I am saddened to announce the passing of Herbert “Herb” Greenberg. Herb was a