

as well as Chair/Co-Chair of the Health Services Coalition, a labor-management organization that contracts with hospitals and advocates for public policies that improve quality health care, affordability, and access in Nevada; and was a Board member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance for five years. Today she continues her good work serving on the Lown Institute Advisory Council and the federal Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to Betsy for her many years of friendship, support, and guidance. She has not only been an invaluable resource to me on healthcare issues, but a cherished friend. I, like so many of those who have the opportunity to work with her, continued to be inspired by her passion and compassion. I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Betsy's commitment to quality, affordable healthcare, not only for the members UNITE HERE HEALTH but for all, is unparalleled and it is no surprise that the labor and management Trustees of UNITE HERE HEALTH voted unanimously to honor her service to this organization by naming this new center in her honor. I am so proud to join her husband, John Wilhelm, their children Tom and Vinnie, their grandson, Alonzo, and the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Elizabeth B. Gilbertson on this very special occasion.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL KRUEGER
FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
OTTAWA COUNTY CLERK

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Krueger and his commendable service to Michigan's Western District as Ottawa County Clerk.

Daniel Krueger, the longest serving county clerk in the state, has served as the Ottawa County Clerk for over 35 years. During this time Daniel Krueger has proudly served the people of Ottawa County, as well as all of West Michigan.

Daniel Krueger received his Bachelor's in History from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He then went on to receive his Masters Degree from Michigan State University. In 1978, Daniel Krueger was appointed to serve as the Ottawa County Clerk, and in 2012, he was elected as the Ottawa County Clerk and Register of Deeds. He is a member of the Michigan Association of County Clerks, and he has been on the legislative committee serving as chair and co-chair since 1990. He was also appointed to the board of the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds in 2013 where he continues to serve.

Throughout his career, Daniel Krueger has worked to improve and enhance the efficiency of the county clerk's office. Beginning in 1980, Mr. Krueger initiated the computerization of court processes, and in 2006 he began the process of digitalizing all of the county court records. He has continued to work toward a paperless court process with electronic transmittal of records between county court offices,

electronic certification of court documents, and online jury processes. For his efforts in promoting efficiency and the education of others, Mr. Krueger has been selected as County Clerk of the Year, and was selected as the Michigan State University Continuing Education's Clerk of the Year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Daniel Krueger for his service to Ottawa County and the Western District.

COMMEMORATING REPUBLIC DAY
IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. JIM BRIDENSTINE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 96th anniversary of Republic Day in Azerbaijan. Yesterday, in 1918, Azerbaijan received its independence from the Russian Empire and officially declared the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR).

At the time of its independence, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic was the first-ever modern parliamentary republic in the Muslim world and was an early adopter of full political rights for women. The Azerbaijan parliament granted women the right to vote shortly after its nation's founding, preceding even the United States in granting such a right to men and women equally.

Unfortunately, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic's initial independence was short lived, as the Soviet Union invaded the country in 1920. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan regained full independence and reestablished the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

For the last 23 years, Azerbaijan has been a reliable strategic ally of the United States in an often-hostile region of the world. Azerbaijan has been a partner with the U.S. on economic, trade and military issues, even supporting U.S. and NATO operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In my state of Oklahoma, our National Guard has established a strategic relationship with Azerbaijan through the National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP). This program connects state and territorial National Guards to military and civilian personnel in 70 partner nations and I am proud of the relationship between the Oklahoma National Guard and our friend, Azerbaijan.

I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on this important anniversary and thank them for their continued support and partnership.

RECOGNITION OF RIO VISTA HIGH
SCHOOL AP GOVERNMENT CLASS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional District, I want to congratulate the AP Government students and their teacher at Rio Vista High School for completing a class project on three major policy issues: welfare reform, health care, and unequal access to education.

They demonstrated hard work in this inspiring program. Education is about developing knowledge and critical thinking skills. These students are civically engaged, reaching their lawmakers with policy recommendations on key issues facing our nation.

I was honored to learn more about their recommendations during a class visit on Tuesday, May 28.

Their willingness to work together in good faith and to build consensus is laudable and a lesson for us all.

DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a statement on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Rabbi Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD:

At this sacred season for the Jewish community, retelling a searing saga of monumental suffering and heroic survival shaking the foundation of heaven and earth, we are embracing Yom Ha'Shoah's (Holocaust commemoration) crushing burden of sorrow as well as Yom Ha'Azmaut's (the 66th anniversary of the State of Israel) uplifting joy. We acknowledge the Holocaust's helplessness and Hatikvah's (Israel's national anthem) hopefulness. These too are our Days of Awe, no less than the High Holy Days, sanctified by our people's blood and resolve, so close in time and theme to Passover's twin poles of bitter enslavement and ever-beckoning redemption for Israel and all humanity.

We are the Shoah's wounded survivors and memory's defending warriors. In truth, Jewish progressive ideas and ideals have been a thorn in the side of destructive dictators of all ages, for we have dared declare that every human being is created in the divine image with infinite value; that each human life is unique, indispensable and irreplaceable; that God's divinity and human dignity are forever inseparable.

I was born in 1945 in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR), to Polish Holocaust survivors Yechiel Zoberman and Chasia Bobrov, who had met in Siberia. My following poem is in gratitude to my paternal grandparents Zvi and Rachel Zoberman who along with my parents and uncles Norman and Arthur Zoberman, watched over me during perilous times.

In the 1947 photo taken in Germany's /Wetzlar D.P. Camp, the American zone./Following an escape from Poland and a / Sojourn in Austria./ Clad in refugees newly acquired garb/Grandparents Zvi (Son of martyred Rabbi/Yaacov and Dena Manzies Zoberman)/ And Rachel (Daughter of martyred Yitzchak/ And Zipora Anker) of Zamosc, Poland./Gratefully raised me high./ Their little Torah they managed to save/In the face of the many scrolls/ They could not.

We also observe the 20th anniversary of the Rwanda genocide; mourn the loss at the hands of an American Nazi (what a tragic contradiction!) of three precious lives in Overland Park, Kansas, fourteen year old Reat Griffin Underwood and his grandpa, Dr. William Lewis Corporon, and Frazier Glenn Miller; the fourth year of massacres in Syria claiming over 150,000 lives with millions of refugees; Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and the abduction of about 300 Nigerian school girls by the Boko Haram.

The State of Israel, home to most of the Holocaust survivors including my own family remains, at 66 years young, a beacon of light and hope, America's steadfast ally with shared democratic values in a shaky region deeming Israel's and America's Western agenda a threat. Iran's continued nuclear ambitions cast a menacing shadow on Israel, the Arab world and beyond. Iran emboldens Hezbollah and Hamas to persist in their obstructionist course with the Palestinian Authority unwisely joining forces with the latter. I have had the great opportunity to visit the Arab states of Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and most recently Morocco, building with fellow rabbis Shalom's essential bridges of peace. I was in Morocco from May 11–18, 2014, on a "Jewish Roots & Diplomacy Trip" sponsored by The Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), connecting to the remnant of an over 2,000 year old Jewish community with a rich history in a Muslim environment that has largely been appreciative and protective. Matt Lussenhop, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco, most graciously addressed our delegation on a host of issues, referring to Morocco as "A very good partner for the U.S." which interestingly recognized the U.S. early on in its independence.

IN CELEBRATION OF DR. ROLF
HABERECHT'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rolf Haberecht as he celebrates his eighty-fifth birthday on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Dr. Haberecht is a man who has made an impact on the Dallas community through his business success and philanthropic endeavors.

Dr. Haberecht earned his doctoral degree in Chemistry and Physics from the Technical University of Berlin, Germany. He and his wife, Ute, moved to Dallas, Texas in 1962 when he accepted a position with Texas Instruments as a Research Scientist, subsequently rising to become Senior Vice President, responsible for the company's worldwide semiconductor operations. In 1984 Dr. Haberecht launched VLSIP Technologies, a start-up company that has grown to become a worldwide manufacturer of electronic medical modules that are part of a number of medical devices. His achievements in science and technology have made such an impact that he was selected as the 2013 inductee into the prestigious "Tech Titans Hall of Fame."

Dr. Haberecht is also celebrated in the Dallas community for generously donating his time and efforts, as well as significant financial support, to numerous philanthropic endeavors. He has served on various civic and philanthropic boards, including the Lamplighter School, Episcopal School of Dallas, Southwestern Medical Foundation, and Chairman of the Texas State Technical College System Board of Regents. Dr. and Mrs. Haberecht have made generous donations to a multitude of organizations, including Children's Medical Center of Dallas and its Children's Research Institute, the George W. Bush Presidential Center, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, which has named an academic center, a deanship, and a research

fund in honor of the philanthropic couple. Their philanthropic and volunteer civic leadership has been recognized with the Charles Cameron Sprague Community Services Award given by the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Haberecht as he celebrates his eighty-fifth birthday and our commendations to him for having successfully pursued the American Dream of achieving success in life while helping others.

RECOGNIZING MOTHER BRUNETTE
WASHINGTON ON THE OCCASION
OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the celebration of Mother Brunette Washington. On June 6 she will be celebrating her 100th year of life.

Born in 1914, Mother Washington has seen some of the greatest accomplishments of our country. Furthermore, she has added to them with the love and kindness her community currently treasures her for. To this day she is an active member of the American Baptist Association, the Pratt Willard Center and fellowships with the Crucial Center.

As a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Mother Washington has been a pillar of her community. Volunteering throughout her entire life, Mother Washington has devoted her time to giving back, participating in the community through such positions as Sunday School Teacher, Senior Choir President and the President of the Missionary Society.

As a result of her tireless service for both her church and community, Mother Washington has received numerous rewards for her achievements including the Queen of Macedonia, Senior Choir Service Award, and the Pratt Willert Senior Award.

In addition to her numerous community endeavors, Mother Washington is a family leader. She has four children and is the proud grandparent to ten grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Mother Washington is truly fortunate to have such a large and loving family.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the long life and legacy of a woman who has devoted so much of her life to the betterment of those around her. For 100 years Mother Washington has made an impact on the lives of those who have had the great fortune of knowing her. She has cultivated a loving family and been an exemplary member of her community, who has had a lasting impact on others because of her caring ways. It is my honor to celebrate her birthday here with you and hope you will join me in wishing a very joyous birthday celebration and wishing her many more years of good health.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, I missed two roll-call votes as I was home in Arkansas attending the funeral of Theodosia Murphy Nolan.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 241 and "aye" on rollcall vote 242.

GEORGIA INDEPENDENCE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the National Council of Georgia declared Georgia's independence on May 26, 1918. After 117 years, the statehood of Georgia was finally restored. But Georgia's fight for independence was not over.

In February 1921, Georgia was attacked by the Red Army. The Democratic Republic of Georgia was no more.

Now the Georgia Soviet Socialist Republic, Georgia was in the midst of World War II. Georgia contributed almost 700,000 fighters, and provided vital textiles and munitions to the Allies.

For the next 46 years, the Soviets occupied Georgia but Georgia was not complacent with Soviet rule. After the Soviet Union fell apart, Georgia finally became free again.

Since regaining its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Georgia has been a steadfast U.S. strategic partner in an important and often turbulent part of the world.

But a certain country to the north does not like the fact that we are friends. In fact, the Napoleon of Siberia—as I like to call Putin—is set on breaking U.S. apart and restoring the glory days of the Soviet Union.

As a country that continues to struggle against Russia's tyranny, Georgia knows better than anyone the threat Putin poses. Mr. Putin cannot be allowed to invade another sovereign country. The best way to stand up to Russia is to stand up together, as we have done so many times before.

From the American perspective, there are few NATO strategic partners as capable and committed as Georgia. Georgia has been a key ally in our war on terror. Georgia's soldiers have stood shoulder to shoulder with ours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Georgia is the largest non-NATO contributor to the mission in Afghanistan. It has also served as a key logistical hub bringing troops and supplies in and out of the region. We have in turn, demonstrated our commitment to our relationship with the U.S.-Georgia Charter on Strategic Partnership.

Since the signing of the Charter, the United States and Georgia have strengthened their mutual cooperation. Cooperation based on U.S. support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and its commitment to further democratic and economic reforms.

I would like to see the U.S. be more vocally supportive of Georgia's Euro-Atlantic aspirations and provide a clear path to its eventual membership in NATO.