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Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hair “retired” in the mid-1980s, but his dedication to his profession and the ill continues undaunted. He is the epitome of the family doctor, one who knows that diagnosing an illness is just one part of the healing process. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing his vast contributions to medicine, to his community, to the ill, and thank him for a lifetime of healing.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. EDWARD L. SCHROCK
OF VIRGINIA
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Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. He is also the President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis, and Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. I would like to share the following article that was written by Rabbi Zoberman and appeared in the Virginian-Pilot on August 13, 2001.

ISRAEL WILL FOCUS ON SURVIVAL FIRST, PEACE LATER

I have just encountered a place like no other where a watermelon may include an explosive device and fanatic suicide bombers threaten to rip apart all who happen to be in their vicinity. Being in Jerusalem a week ago, the latest terrifying carnage there has a chilling immediacy of both numbness and outrage. It reminded me of an old-fashioned horse-and-buggy ride through some obscure part of the country, one that supposedly no longer exists. But the petite and assertive woman was also adamant of the need to stand up to terrorism, and carefully separate the two peoples, in which I wholeheartedly concur. Disconcertingly, she reported of yet no information on the fate of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers including Benny Avraham of Tide-water’s adopted Pardes Katz. At the same setting, the new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, asked us in the midst of a trying scenario to remember the end goal of peace.

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ATTACK ON THE U.S.A.

I wonder why someone would do such a horrible thing? Whoever caused this tragedy will be greatly punished.

At first I was scared because we live near Oak Ridge, which has lots of nuclear weapons. If the terrorists had attacked Oak Ridge, we might have been injured or killed. There may be a war, but I am not afraid. Many men will be put to the test. I believe this is an all too familiar way of violence in violation of the Oslo Accords that he signed. Rabbi Michael Schudrich, the Chief Rabbinical Shliach who was at Camp David, assured us that former Prime Minister Barak indeed courageously made the “historical concessions” inviting Arafat to the tent. Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly concur. Disconcertingly, she reported of yet no information on the fate of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers. Mrs. Melchoir emphasized that the present lengthy crisis has created much hardship to the Palestinian population with fifty-percent unemployment and their towns under close surveillance.

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