

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.