

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 241 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 599); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 242 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 503, as amended).

HONORING MR. BOB LOTT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Bob Lott. For over twenty years Bob Lott has documented and produced numerous videos that have been used to teach and inform African American people about their ancestral lineage to help combat the disproportionate ills they have suffered compared to other races.

Mr. Bob Lott and then partner Walt Gavin pioneered a nationally syndicated black music show on commercial television with The Gavin & Lott Show. He then followed that effort with the breakthrough production of City Sounds. Over the years, Mr. Lott has worked with many legendary recording artists at Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff's Philadelphia International Records, including Teddy Pendergrass, McFadden & Whitehead, Patti LaBelle, Bunny Sigler, and The O'Jays.

Moreover, Mr. Lott produced numerous documentaries shedding much needed light on important historical figures, including my friends Kenny Gamble and the great Representative David Richardson. Over the years, he has produced music videos, eleven nationally aired infomercials, television commercials, and promotional videos for countless corporations and non-profits. Mr. Lott will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014 for his dedication to aiding African American people through film.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment have inspired and supported so many in our region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Bob Lott for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF FERNANDO GARCIA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished life of Mr. Fernando Garcia.

Mr. Garcia, who served as Bristol Community College's Chair of the Board of Trustees, passed away after a long and valiant battle that lasted several years. During his life, he was a tireless advocate for students as well as educational opportunities for all, and his devotion and dedication to Bristol Community College was unsurpassed. When he was appointed the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Bristol Community College in 2012, Gov. Deval Patrick called Mr. Garcia a "critical partner" in the Commonwealth's "collective efforts to better serve our students and employers." An exceptional role model for students and a valuable asset to his colleagues at the Bristol Community College, Mr. Garcia will be sorely missed.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Mr. Garcia was also a local business leader in the South Coast region for over 30 years. In 2001, Mr. Garcia was named Fall River's Business Person of the Year, and only a year later he was inducted into the New Bedford Area Business Hall of Fame. Mr. Garcia has also served on the Board of Directors for the Fall River Chamber of Commerce for several years and held a post as the Vice Chair for the Fall River Office of Economic Development. As a friend and leader in the South Coast community, Mr. Garcia understood Bristol Community College's role in the local economy and in the livelihoods of its students and faculty.

We celebrate Fernando Garcia's life and his proactive role in the business community of Fall River. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Fernando Garcia for over three decades of outstanding service to the community and economy in southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Garcia for his countless contributions.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE OLDER CITIZENS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in order to recognize volunteers with the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, which pairs people aged 60 and older with students for tutoring

and mentorship purposes. The impact that simply spending time with children has on their development cannot be overstated. As a father myself, I see that impact first-hand.

It is my honor to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the 2013–2014 Foster Grandparent Program volunteers:

Irene Bailey, Lucille Baker, Minnie Baker, Betty Barker, Moe Dennison, Shirley Gardner, Ruth Gibson, Bess Gillenwater, Ruth Hogue, Carolyn Johnson, Patsy King, Sheila Miller, Edith Moore, Sharon Mullins, Bonnie Olinger, Sarah Parsons, Mary Rogers, Ruth Shawver, Marie Smith, Thelma Smith, Betty Stewart, Aleatha Strong, and Thelma Welch.

Mr. Speaker, I want to send my deepest thanks to folks working with and volunteering for the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these volunteers for their efforts on behalf of Southwest Virginia's young people.

HONORING ELIZABETH GILBERTSON FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered today as the new UNITE HERE HEALTH healthcare center in Atlantic City, New Jersey celebrates its grand opening and is named in honor of an outstanding health care advocate and my dear friend, Elizabeth Gilbertson. Betsy has dedicated her professional life and much of her personal time to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. The dedication of this new health center in her honor is a testament to the extraordinary commitment she has shown to this effort as well as the distinguished reputation she has earned as an advocate healthcare provider.

From the earliest days of her career Betsy combined her passion for advocacy with that of her belief that quality, affordable healthcare was a right, not a privilege. As a member of the Connecticut Nurses Association and District 1199, New England SEIU, Betsy represented her fellow nurses in collective bargaining. She also led a non-profit women's health center before joining UNITE HERE HEALTH, a Taft-Hartley labor management trust fund that aims to provide health benefits that offer high quality, affordable health care to their participants, where she held a number of leadership roles prior to her current position as Chief of Strategy.

Betsy's dedication to quality, affordable healthcare extends far beyond her professional career. She has served on National Quality Forum Task Forces on patient safety and ambulatory care measures; was founder

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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'Azmout'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 Manzie's 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.