

Kusek, lifelong resident of Cleveland's historic Tremont neighborhood, as we join with her in celebration of her 96th birthday. Mrs. Kusek was born on October 2, 1914 to Polish immigrant parents. Three years earlier, in 1911, her mother, Jozepha and father, Ignatz, made the long journey across the Atlantic, far from their Polish homeland, and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, like thousands of immigrants did—with the common dream and hope for a better life in America.

They raised Julia and her two younger siblings with an unwavering connection to, and abiding love for, the culture, language and traditions of their beloved Polish homeland. By the time she was in the 8th grade, the Great Depression had severely devastated most communities across the country, including Cleveland. With her family struggling to survive, Mrs. Kusek had to quit school in the 8th grade to go to work to help provide for the family. Her lifelong love of fashion, along with her determined spirit, led her to work while taking classes and later graduate from the Darvis School of Fashion and Design, where she graduated with honors. She designed and made beautiful clothes for her family; her talent reflected in her daughters' dresses, worn at school events, holidays and special occasions.

Mrs. Kusek married Stanley Kusek on June 24, 1939. They were devoted to each other until his passing in 1985. Together, they raised three children: Thaddeus, Diane and Carol. Ahead of her time, she worked in May Company's toy department while raising her children and was a loyal employee for forty years. Beyond her family and career, she made time to volunteer at St. John Cantius rectory, school and convent, and cooked for every special event. Her family, faith and Polish heritage continue to be the foundation of her life she remains very close to her children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Julia Jozepha Hadam Kusek of the Tremont neighborhood in Cleveland, as we celebrate her 96th birthday. Her kindness and joy for living continues to be a shining example for all of us to follow.

RECOGNITION OF MOUNT OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of The Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey, and to commemorate their 140 years of service to their community. Throughout the organization's rich history, Mount Olive Baptist Church continues to perform admirably in the areas of home and foreign missions, education and religion. I applaud The Mount Olive Baptist Church and its worshippers, as their achievements and dedication should serve as an inspiration to us all.

In 1870, Mount Olive Baptist Church was formed based upon the desire by Plainfield residents interested in expressing their individual freedom of religion and creating their own house of worship. Mount Olive Baptist

Church began as a scion of the First Baptist Church of Plainfield and remained a mission until Reverend Mitchell's pastorate. During Reverend John Mitchell's tenure, he laid the foundation for an independent and self-supporting church. Along with structural remodeling, the goals set forth by Reverend Mitchell saw completion. These actions laid the foundation for the church's future success.

During the next few years, Mount Olive Baptist Church continued to build and grow both structurally and spiritually. By 1963, further embellishments were added to the structure of Mount Olive Baptist Church and spiritual ties throughout the community continued to grow stronger. June 2000 led the way for the development of the Fellowship Hall and classrooms. Upon its completion in 2002, a new area of worship became available for students and worshippers to learn and practice. The organization has also led the way for the creation of three other Baptist Churches in the city of Plainfield: Shiloh, Calvary and Community Baptist Church. The Mount Olive Baptist Church continues to make a great contribution by teaching its worshippers that religion is practiced, lived and displayed in everyday life.

Currently under the leadership of Reverend Donald DeWitt Nicholas, Sr., Mount Olive Baptist Church and its leadership have worked diligently to ensure that persons joining the church become engaged members. During his tenure, Reverend Nichols has seen a tremendous urgency in addressing the problems facing the Plainfield community. Through acts of volunteerism, the Liberty CDC group was formed. Its mission is to partner with other community organizations to improve the quality of life and to promote the social and economic welfare of the citizens within Plainfield.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging The Mount Olive Baptist Church and their 140 years of service. Their contributions to civic life as well as charitable and religious organizations make them a tremendously valued organization in my district and the State of New Jersey.

HONORING MARIE HIBLER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions made by Marie Hibler to the thousands of families who have children with mental illness.

More than 35 years ago, the Hibler family found themselves with a new challenge. Roger Hibler, their son, had experienced a very public schizophrenic event. The family knew nothing about mental illness. They did not know where to turn. As Marie once noted, at the time she had to go to the dictionary to find out what schizophrenia was.

At that time, serious mental illness, particularly schizophrenia, were viewed with ignorance, shame and guilt by the public. Those afflicted and their families suffered from the same attitudes. Parents and family were often viewed as the cause of their child's illness rather than its solution. Professional psychiatrists and psychologists had primary responsibility for diagnosis and treatment. Parents and families had little say in the care and treat-

ment of their family member. Before psychotropic medication, individuals with serious mental illness were often locked away under deplorable conditions in inadequate institutions.

When the Hibler family looked for help, they found a system that provided almost no family support. Marie decided that was not acceptable. Although Marie and her late husband Keith did not have training in psychiatry, they did know about families. They knew that they had to turn to their family and friends to find the best possible care for their son.

Marie, a mother and homemaker, came to be one of the prime founders of PAMI, Parent of Adult Mentally Ill. She gave speeches and wrote articles. I know this because I was a neighbor and my mother was Marie's volunteer typist and editor.

The organization she helped create turned into a national movement to inform and educate the country about mental illness. They advocated for the rights and care of mentally ill family members and helped change the way we think about, treat and care for mental illness. Parent volunteers helped each other and those in their families suffering from mental illness.

That organization, PAMI, evolved into NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, with active chapters in every state.

NAMI is celebrating its 35th year this November. While many challenges remain for those who suffer from mental illness and their families, the support and treatment of those with mental illness has greatly improved.

It is especially fitting at this 35th anniversary to thank those parent volunteers who stood up to be counted when there was little help for them, or their sons and daughters. Marie Hibler is someone who fearlessly stepped forward. She wasn't an expert in psychiatry. She was a mother who loved her son. That made all the difference.

H. RES. 1631 WILL HARM REUNIFICATION EFFORTS IN CYPRUS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631 spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish-Muslim cultural sites