

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazen & Pham, members of the committee, for the record, I am Kathy Martin-Willis a former YMCA staff, City Councilor in Independence, a House District 20 community, and staff to Rep Paul Evans, Ms. Berger's successor to the HD 20 House seat.

Vicki Berger is one of those people who impacts others and likely never knows it. I'm sure she wouldn't recall that we first met when she served as the first woman President on the YMCA Board of directors. As a new employee at the Y in 1996, I remember being struck by her demeanor, her strength, and her determination. She was in fact one of my influencers to a life of public service.

In 2002 when she ran for State Representative in House District 20, I knew where my vote was going, and I faithfully voted to re-elect her each term. She was the first elected I'd actually met, Her values were similar with my own and I always remembered the strength in leadership she had exhibited.

Vicki is one of those women whose character impresses you and who's strength makes a lasting impact. More recently I was asked a couple of years ago to sit in on a fair board meeting and was pleased to see Vicki Berger at the helm, still at it, determined as ever. She is an inspiration. I strongly encourage the passage of HCR 8 in recognition of the Berger's commitment and dedication to the Salem community and beyond, thank you.