

Amber Tiernan, Patriot High School
 Amanda Proch, Gifted Education
 Amy Ivory, Colgan High School
 Christina Sherman, Marumsco Hills Elementary School
 Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School
 Carolyn Ciminelli, Old Bridge Elementary School
 Leah Krucelyak, Beville Middle School
 Ashley Marland, Covington-Harper Elementary School
 Andrea Wilkey, Featherstone Elementary School
 Allan Weberg, Potomac High School
 Todd Hayes, Hylton High School
 Chris Proch, Woodbridge High School
 Melonie Yielding, Ellis Elementary School
 Timothy L. Wilson, Mary F. Williams Elementary School
 Shannon Speights, Dumfries Elementary School
 Amy Wise, Rippon Middle School
 Jennifer Roberts, Piney Branch Elementary School
 Susan Bowden, West Gate Elementary School
 Melissa Callaghan, Cedar Point Elementary School
 Krista Oldenburg, Benton Middle School
 Connie Schumacher, Stonewall Middle School
 Kathleen Hugh, Woodbridge High School
 Stephanie Ryan, Coles Elementary School
 Donna C. Morgan, Professional Development
 Ashley Abraham, Brentsville District High School
 Kristen Augsburger, Battlefield High School

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today proud of the passage of H.R. 1—the ‘For the People Act.’ H.R. 1 not only restores faith back into our elections; it’s a promise that House Democrats will deliver to the American public.

Despite what MITCH MCCONNELL says, H.R. 1 is not a “power grab.” It’s a plan to restore public confidence back into our electoral system. It says, in our democracy, everyone’s voice and vote must count. So again—let’s recap all the good H.R. 1 will do: it will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, create automatic voter registration; limit the power of restrictive voter ID laws, and make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

We all know Republicans have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor. Republican governors and state legislatures across the country have suppressed voting among: communities of color;

poor people; seniors; and people with disabilities, using targeted, racist voting laws.

The right to vote, our most basic democratic right, is under siege. But today, with the passage of H.R. 1, we say enough is enough. We’re putting an end to the Republican culture of voter intimidation. We are giving power back to the people.

LORENZO BECERRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lorenzo Becerra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lorenzo Becerra is a student at Mandala Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lorenzo Becerra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lorenzo Becerra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
THE LIFE OF JAY A. ARCANGELI

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Jay A. Arcangeli.

Jay Arcangeli was born on December 11, 1967 in Montour Falls, New York. He grew up on his family’s dairy farm in Burdett, New York, where he developed his love for farming. To many, farming is a full time job. To Jay, farming was his passion. Jay would finish a full day of work to come home to his family and then tend to his cattle and crops. To his very last day, Jay chased his farming dreams.

Jay was the model of hard work and public service. By day, Jay served as the Highway Deputy Superintendent for Schuyler County. Before taking his current position, Jay served as the Town of Hector Highway Superintendent and before that as the bridge foreman for Silverline Construction for over two decades. In his free time, Jay volunteered with the Burdett Fire Department. Whether he was on the clock or not, Jay was serving his community.

Jay will be remembered as a husband, a father, and a friend to many. We salute him now and stand with his family in somber remembrance of his life, his love, and his passions. I thank him for his service and pray he will rest in peace.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to remember the life of Jay Arcangeli.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to expand Americans’ access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 1—The For The People Act of 2019. This once in a generation legislation will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, and limit the influence of big money in politics. This essentially is a down payment on a promise to the American public to create tangible voting reform, to eliminate discriminatory voting laws, and to make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

Voting is an integral part of our democracy, as elections are the method in which America chooses its elected officials and what it desires from its government. We are currently enduring a time in which the right to vote is increasingly under siege. Decision makers across the country have worked to suppress voting in communities of color, and among poor people, seniors, and people with disabilities using targeted, racist voting laws. They have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor.

In my home state of Texas, strict identification laws that largely penalize African-American, Hispanic and Native American voters have been enacted. Texas even went so far as imposing voter ID requirements and restrictions on college students, a prominent voting bloc in local and national elections. Closed and changed polling locations, inoperable voting machines, and unavailable translators in immigrant-heavy communities have also contributed to voter confusion.

Needless to say, we need to counter this culture of voter intimidation. Simultaneously, we must also invest in technological advancements and repeal discriminatory voting laws. In order to do this, we must restore public confidence that everyone’s vote and voice counts. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

JAYLA BOITER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jayla Boiter for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jayla Boiter is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jayla Boiter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels

strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jayla Boiter for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, March 5. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 104 (Passage of H.R. 1381, the Burn Pit Registry Enhancement Act): "yes"; and Roll Call Vote Number 105 (Passage of S. 49): "yes".

TYDARRIEN BOSTIC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tydarrien Bostic for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tydarrien Bostic is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tydarrien Bostic is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tydarrien Bostic for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 OCCOQUAN-WOODBRIDGE-LORTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the incoming 2019 officers of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department. OWLVFD is located in Prince William County, Virginia, 25 miles from our Nation's Capital. The OWLVFD goes on an average of 20,000 runs per year, aiding 80,000 residents in a 27 square mile area.

Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1938, the OWLVFD is comprised of committed community members who volunteer

their time, energy, and financial resources to ensure the safety of the families and property in and around Woodbridge. During its 80 year history, the Department has continued to expand and there are now three stations staffed by approximately 250 volunteers who serve and protect an ever-growing local population. From their bravery in action to their presence with the youth in the community, OWLVFD is readily available for the families of Woodbridge.

It is with great honor I include in the RECORD the names of the following Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department Officers:

Department President—Dave Williams.

Department Chief—James McAllister.

Executive Vice President—George Smith.

Membership Secretary—Scott Shaw.

Board of Directors—Michelle Bauer, Kevin Lewis, Melissa Payne, Rebecca Barnes, Zach Wessolleck, Jonathan Baldwin, Michael Clark, Anna Smith.

Election Officer—Sabrina Brandon Ricks.

Treasurer—Debbie Haight.

Sergeant-At-Arms—Rick Moore.

Assistant Chiefs—Kurt Bolland, Ernest DeSantis, Steve Godin, Wayne Haight, Rick Michaels.

Rescue Chief—Ed Craig.

Fire Captains—Ben New, Justin Witt.

Rescue Captain—Stephanie Powers.

While a new executive board has been elected and new officers sworn in, the mission of OWLVFD remains the same. The volunteers of the OWLVFD continue to put themselves in harm's way for the benefit of the residents of the area and have educated and mentored the youth in Woodbridge, not only teaching fire safety education, but also strengthening community relations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the men and women of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department for their service to our country and steadfast commitment to their community and in congratulating the newly-elected officers and board members. I thank them for their dedication and to all I say: "Stay safe."

COMMEMORATING 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY, TURNAROUND TUESDAY, AND THE FINAL MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, fifty-four years ago, in Selma, Alabama, hundreds of heroic souls risked their lives for freedom and to secure the right to vote for all Americans by their participation in marches for voting rights on "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final, completed march—from Selma to Montgomery.

Those "foot soldiers" of Selma, brave and determined men and women, boys and girls, persons of all races and creeds, loved their country so much that they were willing to risk their lives to make it better, to bring it even closer to its founding ideals.

The foot soldiers marched because they believed that all persons have dignity and the

right to equal treatment under the law, and in the making of the laws, which is the fundamental essence of the right to vote.

On March 15, 1965, before a joint session of the Congress and the eyes of the nation, President Lyndon Johnson explained to the nation the significance of "Bloody Sunday":

I speak tonight for the dignity of man and the destiny of democracy. . . .

At times history and fate meet at a single time in a single place to shape a turning point in man's unending search for freedom.

So it was at Lexington and Concord.

So it was a century ago at Appomattox.

So it was last week in Selma, Alabama.

The previous Sunday, March 7, 1965, more than 600 civil rights demonstrators, including our beloved colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS of Georgia, were brutally attacked by state and local police at the Edmund Pettus Bridge as they marched from Selma to Montgomery in support of the right to vote.

"Bloody Sunday" was a defining moment in American history because it crystallized for the nation the necessity of enacting a strong and effective federal law to protect the right to vote of every American.

No one who witnessed the violence and brutally suffered by the foot soldiers for justice who gathered at the Edmund Pettus Bridge will ever forget it; the images are deeply seared in the American memory and experience.

Madam Speaker, what is so moving, heroic, and awe-inspiring is that the foot soldiers of Selma faced their heavily armed adversaries fortified only by their love for their country and for each other and their audacious faith in a righteous cause.

The example set by the foot soldiers of Selma showed everyone, here in America and around the world, that there is no force on earth as powerful as an idea whose time has come.

These great but nameless persons won the Battle of Selma and helped redeem the greatest nation on earth.

But we should not forget that the victory came at great cost and that many good and dear persons lost their lives to win for others the right to vote.

Men like Jimmy Lee Jackson, who was shot by a Alabama state trooper as he tried to protect his mother and grandmother from being beaten for participating in a peaceful voting rights march in Marion, Alabama.

Women like Viola Liuzzo, a housewife and mother of five, who had journeyed to Selma from Detroit to join the protests after witnessing on television the events at Edmund Pettus Bridge on "Bloody Sunday" and who was shot and killed by Klansmen while driving back from a trip shuttling fellow voting rights marchers to the Montgomery airport.

Persons of faith, goodwill, and non-violence like the Reverend James Reeb of Boston, a minister from Boston who heeded the call of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Selma and who succumbed to the head injuries he suffered at the hands of his white supremacists attackers on March 9, two days after "Bloody Sunday."

Madam Speaker, in the face of unspeakable hostility, violence, brutality, and hatred, the foot soldiers of Selma would not be deterred—would not be moved—would not be turned around.

They kept their eyes on the prize and held on.