

healthcare decisions, to affordable childcare, to paid family and medical leave, to retirement security, and to equal pay for equal work.

We still have work to do. We must continue breaking down barriers so future women leaders of all backgrounds can be heard. Together, we will achieve great things.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in the celebration of the 19th Amendment.

19TH AMENDMENT ENSURED WOMEN FULL PARTICIPATION IN OUR DEMOCRACY

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support H. Res. 354, celebrating the 100th anniversary of this body passing the 19th Amendment.

On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives approved a proposed amendment to the Constitution that provided suffrage for women. This amendment not only ensured that all women are full participants in our democracy, but it also ensured that the United States is a full democracy.

Women and girls have always possessed the same fundamental rights as men and are essential to a stable, peaceful society.

On behalf of every woman in the Second District of Missouri, I honor the role that the ratification of the 19th Amendment played in fulfilling the principles of the Constitution for women.

I commit to working to strengthen our democracy as we remember remarkable women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and others who fought for our freedoms.

CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, today, we recognize a historic day in our Nation, the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment, which, once ratified, granted most women the right to vote, bringing them one step closer to equality with their male peers.

That ratification was 10 years in the making. Sadly, this pace of progress, this slow pace, is still all too common. Throughout history, women have had to fight for the same rights automatically afforded to men. Today, that fight continues.

As we stand on the shoulders of all the women who challenged convention, who fought and refused to quit so that we could be here in a moment where some 68 million women vote in America and the first two Latina women represent Texas in the people's House, our responsibility is to continue that

fight against the erosion of women's rights that we are witnessing today and to fight for equal treatment and opportunity for all.

HONOR 19TH AMENDMENT BY EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, going door to door in my first campaign, a sweet, elderly lady invited me in for iced tea. As she discussed my race, she shared that she had never missed a chance to vote since she was a young girl.

One day, her mother had hitched the horses to the wagon, pulled up in front of the house, told her to get in, flicked the reins, and they were on their way to town. With determination and pride, her mother announced, "Today, for the first time in our country, we get to vote. We must always exercise this privilege." And that girl did, every election, for over 74 years.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this Chamber passing the 19th Amendment to our Constitution, giving women the right to vote, we must all reflect on what this right to vote truly means. I am grateful for this privilege not only to vote on election day but also to stand here and represent the good people of Missouri's Fourth District and cast their vote here in Congress.

We live in the greatest country in the world. Let us always remember those who secured our freedoms and honor their legacy by exercising the right to vote.

HONORING COURAGEOUS WOMEN WHO WON RIGHT TO VOTE

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, just over 100 years ago, my mother was born without the right to vote. Like other women of her time, she had no vote, and she had no voice in her government.

Today, we honor the courageous women who marched, staged hunger strikes, went to jail, and persevered in order to win this fundamental right for half the country, forever altering our democracy by ensuring that everyone in this country, including women, had the constitutional right to vote.

I am deeply grateful that my mother benefited from their efforts and that she would live to see her daughter run for and be elected to Congress.

Millions of women voted for the first time in November 1920 and in the nearly 100 years since. But we still have much more work to do.

I am determined that, one day soon, all of our daughters and sons will witness the ratification of the Equal

Rights Amendment, which, at long last, makes it clear that equal means equal.

CELEBRATING THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I am proud to speak before the U.S. House of Representatives in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment that gave all women the right to vote. This centennial is one of the most important in our Nation's history, and I am thrilled to be celebrating it with my colleagues here on the House floor.

The fight for women's suffrage in my State of Arizona began when we were still a territory in the 1800s. Brave women, like Josephine Hughes of Tucson, Frances Munds of Prescott, and others, led the suffragist movement in Arizona so that women in Arizona won the right to vote even before the 19th Amendment passed.

Let us celebrate the many women and men who fought for so much over so many years to ensure the right to vote for women in America.

As the daughter of a great mother, as the mother of a wonderful daughter, and as the grandmother to a 1-week-old granddaughter, I am so proud to be here today to honor this great, historic moment.

PROTECTING RIGHT TO CHOOSE

(Mr. MORELLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, as States like Alabama move forward implementing medieval laws that seek to imprison doctors and punish women for their personal healthcare decisions, I want to make one thing absolutely clear: I will always stand up and defend a woman's fundamental right to choose.

These near-total bans on abortion are not only unconstitutional, but they also endanger the lives of countless women who will be forced to turn to unsafe procedures.

In 1930, illegal abortion was listed as the official cause of death for almost 2,700 women, nearly 20 percent of maternal deaths recorded that year.

We have come too far in the fight for women's equality to retreat to an era when women lacked the basic right to autonomy over their own bodies.

My district of Rochester, New York, is the proud home of Susan B. Anthony. Today, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, but the fight for women's rights is far from over.

We must remain resolute in our commitment to protecting and upholding Roe v. Wade. We must support critical

healthcare programs like Planned Parenthood. We must ensure that every single woman across America has the right to make her own decisions.

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HONORING SUFFRAGIST MARY ANN SHADD CARY

(Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, standing on the achievements of brave women who came before me, to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment House passage, expanding the right for women to vote.

As we celebrate this historic day, I want to pay tribute to an overlooked but trailblazing woman who helped make it possible, Delaware pioneer and suffragist, Mary Ann Shadd Cary. In her prophetic words: "We should do more and talk less."

Using the power of the pen, Shadd Cary was the first woman to edit and publish a newspaper in North America, using that role to combat systemic racism and slavery.

After the Civil War, she set her sights on a new cause: voting. She became one of the first Black female lawyers in the United States to testify before the House Judiciary Committee, in 1874, advocating for women's suffrage in these very Halls.

Described by W.E.B. Du Bois as "well-educated, vivacious, with determination shining from her sharp eyes," Mary Ann Shadd Cary blazed trails for women everywhere, and throughout her life, always fought in the name of justice and equality.

We owe it to her and we owe it to all to continue to fight for our rights.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

The 19th Amendment played a pivotal role in paving the way for a new agenda that would finally put women's issues at the forefront of our democracy. Not only did it help women move closer to equality, it created more opportunities for jobs, fairer wages, access to education, and more health benefits. Eventually, more women began to run for office.

Madam Speaker, 100 years later and women have made an impact at the ballot box like never before, electing a record-breaking number of women to Congress. But there is still work to be done.

We are still fighting for full equality for all women, including LGBTQ women.

We are still fighting for reproductive rights. We have seen countless States enact laws that strip away a woman's reproductive freedom, criminalizing a decision that should be between her and her doctor. But core to women's constitutional liberties is autonomy over their own body and well-being. In order to truly support women, we need to safeguard and improve, not limit, access to comprehensive healthcare.

As we celebrate the strides that women have made in our country, we also recommit ourselves to the fight that women have endured since the founding of our Nation.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, America has always been a work in progress, and, therefore, we always have the opportunity to make our democracy better, stronger, when we simply do the right thing.

The Declaration of Independence may have said that "all men are created equal," but it took a brave group of Americans to say that it should really be "all people." If the law applies to each of us equally, then the right to vote must always be equal.

The women who fought for their right to vote weren't in it to make friends. They were mocked and beaten, called extremists, told to slow down, told that good things would come if they simply waited. But, nevertheless, they persisted.

Today, on the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment passed in the House, let's be inspired by this group of women who took the hard fight and did the right thing, because they knew our democracy would be stronger and better for it.

YOU CAN'T BE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, "Young girls need to see role models in whatever careers they may choose just so they can picture themselves doing that job some day. You can't be what you can't see."

Madam Speaker, Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, spoke those words. She was a personal hero of mine, one of the few women in STEM I could look up to as a child. And to this day, I am grateful to Sally because she showed me, as a young girl, that being a woman did not prevent her from pursuing her dream, from entering a male-dominated world and space.

Yesterday, I spoke on television with my friend Representative MIKIE SHERRILL, about the launch of the first ever Servicewomen and Women Veterans Congressional Caucus, and it turns out another young girl was watching.

"Why do those two girls have the same necklace on?" she asked her father, referring to my and Representative SHERRILL's pins. Her father explained the meaning of the pin, explained how we were two women elected to serve in the United States Government.

True equality can only be achieved when every young girl can look up to her leaders and see herself reflected, see a legitimate path for achieving her dreams. For that, we need more women in leadership, more people of color. Our elected representatives need to be a more accurate reflection of America that we represent.

Maybe that young girl yesterday will go into politics, maybe she won't, but she saw two women who were elected by their peers to serve.

"You can't be what you can't see."

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

(Mr. COOPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the vote to pass the 19th Amendment, I would like to recognize Tennessee's crucial role in the Amendment's ratification.

State Representative Harry T. Burn was a slow learner. He was originally antisuffragist, but he ultimately changed his "nay" vote to "yea" just in time to heed his mother's advice to "be a good boy" and vote for ratification.

His was the deciding vote in the Tennessee General Assembly, making Tennessee the 36th State, and final State, needed for ratification. Representative Burn explained his vote this way: "I know that a mother's advice is always safest for her boy to follow, and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification."

So thank you to Representative Burn and, above all, to his mother, Ms. Phoebe Burn, for her crucial role in aiding women's right to vote.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

(Ms. MOORE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I am so honored to join my colleagues in commemorating the 100th anniversary of House passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote everywhere in our country.