

care on the street, in patients' homes, and in nursing homes and supportive housing.

Dr. Lynch operates on the belief that healthcare is a right not a privilege. This is reflected in the LifeLong's commitment to providing integrated services to the disabled elderly and homeless communities. He has ensured this by providing access to medical assistance, mental health support, and substance abuse therapy to our elderly and vulnerable populations.

On a personal note, I am thankful for Dr. Lynch's wise counsel and friendship. I have known Dr. Lynch since 1974.

Today, I join the LifeLong Medical Care Health Services in celebrating the retirement of Dr. Marty Lynch. On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I am honored to commend Dr. Marty Lynch for his lifelong work in healthcare. I thank him for his continued service to the community as CEO Emeritus of LifeLong Medical Care Services for All.

#### RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 33rd Anniversary of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This important commemoration serves to raise awareness and promote respect for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities while also recognizing the importance of inclusion.

It is estimated there are over 4.6 million individuals in the United States and over 250,000 individuals in North Texas alone with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Texas' Third Congressional District is the home to incredible organizations including Cornerstone Ranch, My Possibilities, and LifePath Systems. These dedicated organizations, staffs, and volunteers serve as steadfast advocates, fostering opportunities for these individuals to realize their full potential.

My Possibilities has become a national model in vocational education and job placement for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout North Texas, dramatically changing the landscape for these individuals.

LifePath Systems is a community-based organization designed to assist individuals and families dealing with intellectual disabilities and developmental delays through its collaborative efforts with other community partners to ensure the best possible care for all Texans.

And Cornerstone Ranch provides a family-centered environment where residents thrive, confidence is nurtured, and special needs adults are empowered to lead productive lives as members of the community.

While these are just a few entities in North Texas who work tirelessly to expand the conversation of inclusion, accessibility, and lifelong independent living skills, I am honored to recognize their efforts on behalf of all Collin County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking these organizations and recognizing the importance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY WORKING DOGS ACT

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" in commemoration of National K9 Veterans Day later this week. The United States K9 Corps was established on March 13, 1942. As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I want to thank my vice-chairman Congressman ANDY KIM (D-NJ) for his support as the bill's original cosponsor.

Military working dogs serve on the front lines with our troops to defend our nation and provide recuperating services for our veterans and their former handlers. Caring for these dogs in the field and once they return home is our responsibility.

The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would ensure that our nation's military working dogs receive the best possible care and direct the U.S. Department of Defense to work with veterans' service organizations and other nonprofits to support their long-term care, once adopted by their former handler's into loving homes.

In 2019, the U.S. special forces raid that led to the death of ISIS terrorist leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi included an American special operations military working dog Belgian Malinois named Conan. During the raid, Conan chased al-Baghdadi into a tunnel underneath a compound in northern Syria, where he then detonated his suicide vest. During the chase, Conan was injured by live electrical wires in the tunnel. Under current federal law, the Department of Defense cannot cover the veterinary expenses of military working dogs like Conan, when they retire from duty or recuperate from injury while adopted.

The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would remove these restrictions to authorize the Department of Defense to provide support for retired or injured military working dogs after their adoption. The bill would also ensure that the U.S. government covers all transportation costs associated with transferring retired military animals, including horses, to their new adopted homes, building upon the success of the Military Working Dog Retirement Act of 2015.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Readiness, which has jurisdiction over military working dogs, I urge all our Members of the House to join me and Congressman KIM in cosponsoring this important legislation.

##### HAILEY HAYNES

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

Hailey Haynes is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her deter-

mination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hailey Haynes 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 Hailey Haynes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### COMMEMORATING 55TH 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

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, fifty-five 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.

More than a half century has passed since that day of horror and carnage on the bridge, a day so terrible that it was immediately named and will be forever known as "Bloody Sunday."

But we will always remember.

Madam Speaker, people come from all over the world to stand on the bridge, ground sanctified and consecrated by the blood and courage and sacrifice of nameless, innocent, ordinary persons whose commitment to justice changed America for the better.

People come to Selma and remember Bloody Sunday with reverence and awe for the same reasons they visit the beaches of Normandy and the cornfields of Gettysburg.

We remember them because we know in our hearts that President Lyndon Johnson was right when he addressed the Congress and the nation the evening of March 15, 1965, stating:

"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."

On Bloody Sunday, John Lewis and Reverend Hosea Williams led 600 courageous, unarmed men, women, and children in a peaceful march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma to Montgomery to dramatize to the nation the aspiration of African Americans to become full citizens and to participate in the political process.

As they crossed the highest part of the bridge, the marchers were viciously attacked

by Alabama state troopers, who ridiculed, tear-gassed, clubbed, spat on, whipped and trampled them with their horses.

In the end, John Lewis's skull was fractured by a state trooper's nightstick, and 17 other marchers were hospitalized.

In direct response to Bloody Sunday, Congress passed, and President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the greatest victory of the Civil Rights Movement, and the most significant advance in the field of civil rights and democratic governance since the Civil War Amendments of the 1860s.

Selma marked a turning point in history because it was the place where moral courage met and overcame entrenched power.

The Edmund Pettus Bridge is more than a bridge; it was the portal through which America left the dark days of its past and marched into a better and brighter future.

And the trail of that journey is marked by the blood of the foot soldiers who led the way.

Despite, or perhaps because of its proven effectiveness in breaking down voting barriers, on June 25, 2013, the Supreme Court, issued the shameful decision in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, which struck down Section 4(b) of the VRA, which immobilized the heart of the Act, the preclearance provisions of Section 5.

The Supreme Court did this even though a bipartisan Congress in 2006 voted nearly unanimously to reauthorize Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

After hearing from more than 90 witnesses with a diverse range of views, holding 20 hearings, and evaluating a 15,000-page record, 98 Senators and 390 House members voted to re-authorize Sections 4(b) and 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Within hours of the Supreme Court's *Shelby County* decision, the State of Texas, where in 2012 alone Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act blocked the state's discriminatory photo ID law and intentionally discriminatory redistricting plans, announced its intention to implement those measures immediately.

This is only one of many examples of formerly covered states taking advantage of the gap in Section 5 protection by reverting back to laws that the Voting Rights Act previously blocked.

The struggle to ensure that all Americans can participate equally in the political process continues.

And that is why I was proud to cosponsor and support H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which corrects the damage done to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and commits the national government to protecting the right of all Americans to vote free from discrimination and without injustices that previously prevented them from exercising this most fundamental right of citizenship.

IN RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR  
RONALD WOODS DISTINGUISHED  
CAREER AT EASTERN MICHIGAN  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Professor Ronald Woods

on his retirement and recognize his forty-three years of distinguished service at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). His contributions to our community have been many and deserve significant recognition.

In his decades of service as a teacher and mentor, Professor Ronald Woods has become a pillar of the EMU community. A former poverty law attorney, Ronald Woods started at EMU in 1976 as a lecturer in the Afro-American Studies Program, and later went on to become a professor and the first head of the African American Studies Program. In these capacities, Professor Woods provided valuable expertise on the intersection of race, public policy, and law. He shed light on the impact of social policy on our nation's schools and communities and published on a variety of different topics like African policy in the horn of Africa. In addition to his work as a professor and scholar, Professor Woods was highly regarded in serving as Director of the Institute for the Study of Children, Families, and Communities.

Today, we celebrate Professor Woods for his leadership and unrelenting dedication to his students, community, and academia. Throughout his tenure, Professor Woods mentored hundreds of students and was recognized for his professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for educating our nation's future leaders. Beyond academics, Professor Woods's contributions included serving as interim president of the Michigan Council of Black Studies, a member of the Board of Directors of the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, and member of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg University, and even a member of the Board of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, just to name a few of his many outstanding accomplishments. In addition, Professor Wood was paramount to the success of key community programs. As an early leader and the first coordinator of Washtenaw County My Brother's Keeper, Professor Woods empowered multiple generations to build community, change narratives, and improve outcomes for young men and boys of color in Washtenaw County. Professor Wood's years of service have impacted the lives of many, and his continued dedication provides a lasting example of what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, be compassionate leaders, and do all we can to make a difference in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ronald Woods as he retires from Eastern Michigan University. We thank him for his decades of distinguished of service and leadership and wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MEYMUNA HUSSEIN-CATTAN—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to out-

standing women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Meymuna Hussein-Cattan of the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Meymuna Hussein-Cattan is an executive, social entrepreneur and world traveler dedicated to shifting the narrative around refugees in the United States. Born in an Ethiopian refugee camp in Somalia, Ms. Hussein-Cattan's childhood gave her a first-hand view of the struggles of refugee children. In 1983, Meymuna's father moved to San Diego when he was resettled by the International Rescue Committee. Young Meymuna and her mother, Owliya Dima followed the next year.

Growing up with a passion for human rights and advocacy, Meymuna went on to receive her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from the University of California, Irvine and a master's degree in Organizational Management from Antioch University. Hussein-Cattan wrote her Master's thesis about Tiyya, which proposed creating a nonprofit organization that supports refugees starting a new life in Southern California. Tiyya means "my love" in Oromo, which is one of the languages spoken in Ethiopia. Over the years, Tiyya has improved the lives of refugees in the greater Los Angeles area through the arts, education and recreational activities.

With generosity and public service as core principles and the help of her mother, Meymuna made it her mission to assist refugees to find stability and navigate the similar complex challenges that her family went through. As co-founder and CEO, Ms. Hussein-Cattan has played a vital role in Tiyya's successes over the past decade, which include impacting the lives of hundreds of people each year with a variety of programs. As funding sources dwindled, Meymuna expanded the organization's mission by launching Flavors from Afar, a program that helps refugees develop culinary careers in their new country and build connections within the neighborhood.

Apart from her work at Tiyya, Meymuna is committed to broadening her scope and reaching other advocates with her expertise. A speaker at many organizations and universities, she enjoys sharing her insights and experience to motivate and inspire the future wave of human rights activists. The Los Angeles refugee community has greatly benefited from the generosity and dedication of Meymuna Hussein-Cattan.

Meymuna and her husband, Shukry live with their daughter, Suraya in Echo Park.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Meymuna Hussein-Cattan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALMA S. ADAMS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I was absent on March 3, 2020 due to my primary election. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 81—YEA, and Roll Call No. 82—YEA.