

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.

FULTON JACKSON

**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 Fulton Jackson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Fulton Jackson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Fulton Jackson 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 Fulton Jackson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES  
"JIM" McGRATH

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life of James "Jim" McGrath, a longtime District of Columbia resident and our city's leading activist for tenants' rights, on the occasion of his death on March 3, 2020.

Jim McGrath, born in Boston, Massachusetts on September 1, 1937, came to the District after serving in the U.S. Army. He studied literature at American University and received a master's degree in literature at Georgetown University. Jim worked full time as he pursued his education. He worked and volunteered for the American Cancer Society, he was a research assistant for a D.C. law firm and a paralegal for a telecommunications firm in D.C.

These experiences led him to the House of Representatives, where he worked for former Speaker of the House John W. McCormack of Massachusetts. Jim worked as a clerk for the House Committee on the Judiciary and later became a leading expert on federal pay issues as an employee of the Library of Congress.

As a D.C. resident who lived in Dupont Circle for 45 years, Jim became well acquainted with the challenges and abuse D.C. tenants face. He established the D.C. Tenants Advocacy Coalition (TENAC) in 1992 and became the lead advocate for tenants for rent control in the District. His advocacy for tenants' rights brought him before the D.C. Council, and his expertise led to legislation such as the creation of the Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA), the confirmation of the Chief Tenant Advocate and the Tenants' Right To Organize Act. Jim's leadership will be especially missed today, when the high cost of housing is perhaps the most important issue facing our city.

With the passing of Jim McGrath this month, the District has lost a friend—and so have I. Jim McGrath devoted his life to the tenants of this city and became the face and soul of tenants' rights. Jim was the acknowledged leader of citizen efforts to protect tenants in this highest city.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring James "Jim" McGrath, my friend and a leader in our city, for his life of service. I extend my deepest condolences to Jim's family.

LT. COL. JAMES "JAY" VALLARIO

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel James "Jay" Vallario following nearly 25 years of dedicated service as a United States Marine. Jay was born in San Francisco, California in 1976. He is a graduate of Commodore Sloat Elementary School, Aptos Middle School, and Saint Ignatius College Preparatory. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from the University of San Diego. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in September of 1995, and served as a Rifleman and a M1A1 tank crewman. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April 1999, and then began active service.

A career AV-8B Harrier attack pilot, Jay completed two operational tours with Marine Attack Squadron 311 and one with Marine Attack Squadron 211. He served in all departments within a Marine Attack Squadron including assignments as the Aviation Safety Officer, Airframes Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer. He completed two deployments with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, one deployment with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and one deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. While serving as the Air Combat Element Executive Officer and AV-8B Detachment Officer in Charge of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Jay conducted combat sorties from the USS Makin Island in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Enduring Freedom.

Jay's other duties included assignment to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, with whom he served as a Forward Air Controller in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom: Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron Yuma Officer in Charge; and, assignment to the 55th Fighter Squadron, with whom he served as a Marine Exchange F-16CJ Pilot. During his United States Air Force exchange tour Jay deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, and conducted combat sorties into Libya in support of Operation Unified Protector. From April 2015 to February 2016, Jay served on the staff of the Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation. Jay commanded the AV-8B Fleet Replacement Squadron, VMAT-203, from June 2016 to January 2018. While in command, he was responsible for initial and refresher training of Marine Corps Harrier attack pilots.

Upon relinquishing command, Jay assumed the billet of Marine Aircraft Group 14 Executive Officer, where he served until July 2018. From July 2018, until his retirement on 1 April

2020, Jay was assigned to the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs where he served as a liaison to Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, and managed the Navy's Expeditionary Warfare, Air Warfare, Military Sealift, and F-35 acquisition portfolios.

Upon his retirement from active service in the United States Marine Corps, Jay will begin work as a Professional Staff Member on the House Armed Services Committee, where he will manage the readiness portfolios of the United States Air Force and United States Space Force.

Jay is married to Adrianna, from Denton, Texas. They have two children—Maia (6), and Evan (4)—and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Vallario and his family for his service to our Nation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Thursday, March 5th, due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 87; YEA on Roll Call No. 88; YEA on Roll Call No. 89; and NAY on Roll Call No. 90.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
CREATIVE IMAGE BEAUTY SALON

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Creative Image Beauty Salon in Dearborn. Its years of dedicated service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Creative Image Beauty Salon has served Dearborn residents since 1997. The salon offers a variety of services designed to meet the individual needs of each customer, and they provide exceptional service thanks to the staffs many years of experience. The owner of Creative Image Beauty Salon, Haitham Mehanna, is a dedicated business owner with a commitment to satisfying his customers and enriching the Dearborn community. Mehanna is recognized among his family, peers, and clients as an honest and generous man who is eager to always lend a helping hand to local causes, working tirelessly to improve the community. Thanks to his leadership and the highclass work of his staff, Creative Image Beauty Salon has become an integral part of Dearborn, as it has united the city and consistently provides quality services to all its clients.

Today, we celebrate Creative Image Beauty Salon for its continued commitment to the Dearborn community. The salon's dedication to caring for every person who walks through the door is truly remarkable and serves a model that other businesses should endeavor to match. Each staff member goes above and beyond, striving to provide the best services possible. Without a doubt, the Creative Image