

officials openly champion stymying these transfers of aid.”

Martin Griffiths, the United Nations lead humanitarian officer said weeks ago that “life is draining out of Gaza at terrifying speed.”

“U.N. Secretary General António Guterres warned of an ‘unknown number of people’—believed to be in the tens of thousands—lying under the rubble of buildings brought down by Israeli strikes,” the Post reported.

On April 5, 2024, then special envoy for Biden on Humanitarian Affairs, David Satterfield told the American Jewish Committee “there is an imminent risk of famine for the majority, if not all, the 2.2 million population of Gaza.”

“This is not a point in debate. It is an established fact, which the United States, its experts, the international community, its experts assess and believe is real,” Satterfield said.

A few days later, USAID administrator Samantha Power agreed that it was “credible” to assess that famine was already occurring in Gaza.

UNICEF, Save the Children, the World Food Program, the International Rescue Committee, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and Doctors Without Borders are all relating the same catastrophic conditions getting worse.

Some of these groups have lost valiant staff to Israeli attacks, including while sheltering in clearly marked UNWRA and Red Crescent buildings and vehicles. Israeli war crime violations of international law are legion, according to experts in the field from many nations.

These groups have years of experience working in disaster areas around the world and their reputation for reporting conditions is first rate. They know full well that the terrifying amputations and other disabilities and the corrosive PTSD on civilians, especially children, will long continue for those survivors.

Against this background, the mass media ditto heading the Hamas undercount would have people believe that 98 percent of the Gaza population has survived the Israeli onslaught. This is lethally impossible.

In July, the prestigious UK medical journal *The Lancet* put out a study of the Gaza undercount conservatively concluding that “it is not implausible to estimate that up to 186,000 or even more deaths could be attributable to the current conflict in Gaza.”

Finally, there is eye witness clinical evidence by western physicians, nurses and medical support staff returning from their tours of duty in the remaining badly damaged hospitals. Their accounts offer more probative evidence. In a largely ignored, documented letter to Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden and Kamala Harris, dated July 25, 2024, 45 of these doctors recounted their clinical observations.

Here are a few of them:

“I’ve never seen such horrific injuries, on such a massive scale, with so few resources. Our bombs are cutting down women and children by the thousands. Their mutilated bodies are a monument to cruelty.”—Dr. Feroze Sidhwa, trauma and critical care surgeon.

“Gaza was the first time I held a baby’s brains in my hand. The first of many.”—Dr. Mark Perlmutter, orthopedic and hand surgeon.

“Specifically, every one of us on a daily basis treated preteen children who were shot in the head and chest,” the doctors wrote in the letter to the Bidens and Harris. “With only marginal exceptions, everyone in Gaza is sick, injured, or both.”

“President and Dr. Biden, we wish you could see the nightmares that plague so

many of us since we have returned—dreams of children maimed and mutilated by our weapons, and their inconsolable mothers begging us to save them,” they wrote. “We wish you could hear the cries and screams our consciences will not let us forget. We cannot believe that anyone would continue arming the country that is deliberately killing these children after seeing what we have seen.”

“Israel has targeted our colleagues in Gaza for death, disappearance, and torture,” the doctors wrote. “We believe that the death toll from this conflict is many times higher than what is reported by the Gaza Ministry of Health.” “We urge you to end this madness now.”

Ironically, in December 2023, Dr. Jill Biden told spouse Joe Biden: “Stop it, stop it now, Joe.” (Source: Joe Biden). The doctors who signed the letter are asking for a personal meeting with the Bidens and Kamala Harris.

RECOGNIZING GRAND TRAVERSE INDUSTRIES

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Grand Traverse Industries for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community.

Founded in May 1974, GTI has continuously provided services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties. Over the years, GTI has expanded to also offer vocational training, employment, and habilitation services to individuals across seven counties of Northwest Lower Michigan. During their half century of service, GTI has helped thousands of people find their passion in life and guide them into fulfilling careers. Their advocacy for those with special needs is admirable and appreciated, and the work that they have done has touched countless lives.

GTI has certainly lived up to their core values of integrity, mercy, empathy, and inclusion, as well as being an important partner for businesses across the region, such as Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Cherry Capital Airport.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Grand Traverse Industries on their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community. I wish them all continued success and I thank them for their hard work and compassion.

HONORING DR. MIGUEL BULEJE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Miguel Buleje is a respected educator and scholar with a distinguished career in higher education. As a professor in Florida’s Ninth Congressional District, he has made significant contributions to the field of computer sciences, cybersecurity, and technology management. His commitment

to academic excellence and student success has earned him recognition at the institutional and national levels. With over 10 years of teaching and research experience, he has mentored countless students and published multiple works that have elevated the body of knowledge. His academic background includes a Ph.D. in computer information sciences from Nova Southeastern University, a Master of Business Administration, a master’s in cybersecurity from Florida Institute of Technology, and a bachelor’s in computer engineering from Florida International University.

In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Buleje served as a board member for multiple non-profit organizations, including the National Society of Hispanic MBA’s (AKA: Prospanica), where he played a critical role in advancing the organization’s mission to “empower and enable Hispanic professionals to achieve their full educational, economic, and social potential.”

Through his leadership, the organization implemented initiatives that benefit the community with a vision to serve as a catalyst for Hispanics.

Dr. Buleje is also a seasoned technology consultant with experience as a digital transformation agent. In this capacity, he has advised organizations on technology strategies to safeguard their digital assets, optimize their infrastructure, and navigate the complexities of the technology landscape. His expertise is highly sought after and has been instrumental in helping organizations in Florida across multiple sectors, including defense, life sciences, simulation & training, and higher education.

In recognition of Dr. Buleje’s outstanding contributions to education, public service, and technology, it is fitting that his legacy be honored in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, ensuring that his work will continue to inspire and guide future generations.

CELEBRATING FORT PULASKI

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fort Pulaski Monument. Fort Pulaski is a symbol of resilience, innovation, and the enduring spirit of Coastal Georgia.

This fort, built to protect our young nation, is more than just a brick and mortar structure. It represents a turning point in American military history.

Its walls bore witness to the Civil War and the advent of rifled cannon technology, marking the end of traditional fortifications.

Fort Pulaski holds deep significance for Coastal Georgia as a beacon of our heritage, drawing visitors from across the country to experience its rich history, natural beauty, and the stories of those who fought to preserve the Union.

For the nation, it serves as a reminder of how far we have come, how innovation shapes our future, and how the preservation of such landmarks fosters a deeper understanding of our past.

Today, as we honor this milestone, let us reflect on the Fort’s legacy and recommit ourselves to preserving this piece of American history for generations to come.

CELEBRATING NEW PROSPECT
BAPTIST CHURCH'S 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, sitting two miles east of Haleyville, Alabama, is one of oldest Baptist churches in the state of Alabama, New Prospect Baptist Church. This church has seen generations of families file into its pews, including my own family.

As a young boy, my grandparents, J.C. and Ruby Aderholt, were members of New Prospect Baptist Church, and I not only attended many services with them but also was a regular at New Prospect's Vacation Bible School in the summers.

As New Prospect Baptist Church celebrates their 200th Anniversary, I want to take a moment to recognize this place of worship and hope within the Haleyville community, which sits in Winston County.

Founded in the fall of 1824, New Prospect Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist church in Winston County, Alabama, and is believed to be the third oldest Baptist church in the entire state of Alabama.

A sixteen by twenty-foot log building, that stood until 1884, housed the first members of New Prospect Baptist Church. Multiple iterations of that small building have since been built in the shadows of the original.

Through hard work, and overcoming a multitude of setbacks, members of the church have given their time, money, and other resources to build New Prospect Baptist Church into the center of community it stands as today.

On their 200th Anniversary, members and worship leaders at New Prospect Baptist Church are just as focused on their goal as they were on day one: to build a loving church for a living Savior and to spread the Gospel to others.

I have no doubt that New Prospect Baptist Church will remain a pillar of the Haleyville community for many generations to come, and my hope is that families will feel the joy that I felt years ago when I would attend services with my Grandparents.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Brother Ronald Horton, their current pastor, and everyone who calls New Prospect Baptist Church home on their 200th Anniversary and wish them continued success in spreading the word of God as they continue to serve Winston County and the Haleyville community for another two centuries.

Truly, New Prospect Baptist Church is "A Loving Church for a Living Savior."

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR
100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goodwill Industries of Orange County for a century of service to our community.

Reverend John Winterbourne, determined to assist his community, founded Goodwill Industries of Orange County in 1924. Winterbourne's own home housed the first clothing repair shop, but it was later moved to a rented home on Logan Street in Santa Ana.

At the time, the Goodwill model revolved around repairing damaged goods for resale and hiring individuals with disabilities. In 1946, the "As is Lot" location opened next door to the main repair shop in Santa Ana. This "As is Lot" location focused on selling items that were not sold in stores to then sell by the pound. The Santa Ana marketplace became the blueprint for every Goodwill store across the country; they would all adopt the same business model and mission statement.

Since its opening, the store has become a leader in strengthening the workforce of Orange County. In 1992, the Deaf Services program was launched to provide Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing participants the skills needed to become independent at their homes, schools, and jobs. The Supported Employment program, which provides job preparation and placement services, Goodwill Industries of OC has continued to provide employment services for people with developmental disabilities.

Today, Goodwill of OC continues its impact through career development opportunities to ensure the success of their employees. In 2022, they unveiled the Training Center for Success that is designed to provide hands-on training to support the growth of their employees' skills. The program offers customized work simulations to its employees and trains individuals facing unemployment. Just last year, the Career Pathways Program launched a partnership with Goodwill OC to provide their employees with personalized career guidance to support their career growth.

From career development to disability programs, Goodwill Industries of OC has continued to serve employees and their families for the past 100 years. I call on my colleagues to join me in thanking Goodwill Industries of OC for its dedication to the success of our community.

HONORING EDGAR SILVA AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Edgar Silva is a professional of Colombian descent who had lived in the United States for 45 years and is the owner and founder of the Multiple Services World company that has a solid track record in the tax field.

Edgar is a highly trained and dedicated professional with a deep knowledge of the U.S. tax system, which has served him well in advising individuals and companies in this field. He has been a pillar of the Florida community since arriving in 1994, dedicating countless efforts to serving others. His passion for improving the quality of life for his neighbors led him to play a key role as president of the Colombian Civic Council for two years. During his leadership, he spearheaded initiatives focused on integration, social support, and community

development, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those around him.

He also serves as the general director of the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce in Orlando and has led initiatives, together with the board of directors, to promote commercial exchange, facilitate networking opportunities among entrepreneurs, and strengthen trade and cultural ties between Colombia and the United States in the region.

Edgar not only works within the Chamber of Commerce but is also a member of the Historic Preservation Board Advisor Committee of the City of Kissimmee, contributing in this way to ensure that downtown Kissimmee does not lose its historic identity.

Edgar Silva is recognized for his professionalism, integrity, and leadership skills, as well as his ability to build strong relationships and his commitment to excellence in customer service.

In conclusion, Edgar Silva is a prominent leader in the community who, with his experience, dedication, and strategic vision, continues to be fundamental to the growth and development of the business community in Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING DEB POLICH'S IMPACT ON WASHTENAW COUNTY,
MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Deb Polich and to celebrate her work as a champion for the arts and creative industries in Washtenaw County, Michigan. As President and CEO of Creative Washtenaw and Artrain, Inc., Deb's commitment to advancing the arts in Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Deb attended Eastern Michigan University where she earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Arts Administration. She started her career in the arts at the historic Michigan Theater where she assisted in the theatre restoration initiative. Launching the "Not Just for Kids" program, she increased family and child involvement in the performing arts in Ann Arbor, where she was an inspiration for those of all ages to get started in the arts.

As President of Artrain, Inc. for over three decades, she has worked tirelessly to deliver inspirational museum galleries to local communities using a museum-on-a-train model. Travelling across Michigan and the United States, her 600 plus visits meant that countless individuals—from schoolchildren to grandparents—experienced Artrain programs and many became creative practitioners, consumers, and supporters themselves. Her mentorship and leadership throughout the United States was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush, who presented Deb with the National Medal for Museum Service in 2006.

Her energy seemingly has no limitations as Deb frequently involves herself in multiple projects in order to spread the message on the importance of art and culture in Michigan. As Founder and President/CEO of Creative Washtenaw, she spearheaded the effort to create an agency based in Washtenaw County