

hostilities in Gaza. And as more recent congressional oversight efforts make clear, these efforts are part of concerted attack on civil society that is targeted at more than just groups involved in the campus protests regarding Gaza. The executive branch could use this authority to target its political opponents and use the fear of crippling legal fees, the stigma of the designation, and donors fleeing controversy to stifle dissent and chill speech and advocacy. And while the broadest applications of this authority may not ultimately hold up in court, the potential reputational and financial cost of fending off an investigation and litigating a wrongful designation could functionally mean the end of a targeted nonprofit before it ever has its day in court.

The lack of guardrails creates the potential for future administrations to weaponize these powers against groups on both ends of the ideological spectrum. Even if they may never be designated as “terrorist-supporting,” let alone charged with a crime, nonprofits will curtail their activities as a precaution in order to avoid stigmatizing and financially devastating punishments. That is why we strongly urge you to oppose the inclusion of H.R. 6408 in H.R. 9495.

Sincerely,

#WelcomeWithDignity, 18 Million Rising, Advocacy for Principled Action in Government, Alliance for Peacebuilding, American Atheists, American Civil Liberties Union, American Federation of Teachers, American Friends Service Committee, American Oversight, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Amnesty International USA, Anethum Global, Arab American Institute (AAI), Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC, Asian Law Caucus, Aunties Coalition, Ayuda, Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, Borderlands Resource Initiative, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law.

Center for American Progress, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC), Center for Common Ground, Center for Constitutional Rights, Center for Democracy & Technology, Center for International Policy, Center for Media and Democracy, Center for Popular Democracy, Center for Victims of Torture, Charity and Security Network, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), Civil Liberties Defense Center, Coalition for Civil Freedoms, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), COLAGE, Colorado Immigrant Rights, Coalition Color of Change, Community Change Action, Council on American-Islamic Relations.

DAWN, DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, Defending Rights & Dissent, Demand Progress, Democratic Messaging Project, EarthRights International, Earthworks, Emgage Action, Empowering Pacific Islander Communities, Ensaaf, Equality Federation, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Faith in Action, Food Shift, Free Press Action, Freedom of the Press Foundation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends of Human Rights, Greenpeace USA, HEART.

Hindus for Human Rights, Human Rights First, Human Rights Watch, ICNA Dallas, Immigration Hub, Indivisible, International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network, International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), Islamic Association of The Colony, Islamic Center of Quad Cities, Just Foreign Policy, League of Conservation Voters, McKinney Islamic Association, Medical Center Islamic Society, Middle East Democracy Center (MEDC), MLFA, MoveOn, MPower Change Action Fund, Multicultural Center.

Muslim Advocates, Muslim Counterpublics Lab, Muslim Justice League, Muslims for Just Futures, NAACP, National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, National Disabled

Legal Professionals Association, National Education Association, National Immigration Law Center, National Iranian American Council Action, National Lawyers Guild-Mesoamérica subcommittee, National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, National Network of Abortion Funds, National Women's Law Center, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, New Georgia Project Action Fund, New Israel Fund, North American Indian Muslim Association, NTIC, Oil Change International.

Organization for Identity & Cultural Development (OICD.net), Othman Bin Affan Mosque, OPAWL—Building AAPI Feminist Leadership, Oxfam America, Palestine Legal, PASNY, Peace Action, Peace Appeal Foundation, Peace Catalyst International, Peace Direct, People for the American Way, People's Action, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Plus, Positive Women's Network-USA, Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness, Project On Government Oversight, Project South, Protect Democracy, Public Citizen.

Refreshed Refined Reformed R3 Inc, Reproductive Freedom for All (former NARAL Pro-Choice America), Restore the Fourth, September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign, Southern Poverty Law Center, Stop AAPI Hate, The Interfaith Center of New York, The Seed Program by Kai, Inc., The Sikh Coalition, The United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society, The Workers Circle, The X-Lab, Tides Center, Tides Foundation, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), US Campaign for Palestinian Rights Action (USCPR Action), Win Without War, Women for Weapons Trade Transparency, Women's March.

HONORING JAMES SCALICE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past month, it was my honor to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for an incredible young man, James Scalice. James has learned an incredible amount through the merit badge program earning 41 total badges in subjects such as Life Skills, Business, and Science. Within his troop, this young man has developed leadership skills through elected positions and has learned the value of serving his community by participating in countless hours of service to his church and community. He has displayed his love for God by earning two religious emblems including “Pope Pius the twelfth” from the Catholic Diocese of Camden. With a deep love for his country and great respect for veterans, James decided to help out the American Legion Post 28 in Absecon, South Jersey for his Eagle Scout project.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARK BOUMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN CHICAGO

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the service of Dr. Mark Bouman

who is retiring this week from the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Dr. Bouman worked for the Field Museum for over 15 years, serving most recently as the Senior Environmental Social Scientist and, before that, as the Chicago Region Program Director at the Museum's Keller Science Action Center. His work focused on efforts to build better bridges between people and nature across the Chicagoland region and the urban world.

A lifelong Chicagoan who received his undergraduate degree in Geography from Valparaiso University and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Bouman has taught at Valparaiso, the University of Minnesota, University of British Columbia, Elmhurst College, Chicago State University, and the University of Chicago. He has received numerous awards for teaching excellence, funding for research and technical assistance projects, and authored or co-authored a myriad of peer-reviewed articles and publications.

Dr. Bouman has played a leading role in raising awareness of the incredible culturally- and environmentally-diverse Calumet region. The Calumet region is a bi-state area that spans from the Pullman National Historical Park to the Indiana Dunes National Park. It is loosely bounded by the former U.S. Steel South Works in Chicago, portions of suburban Chicago, and the Indiana counties of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte. From Lake Michigan to the Indiana Dunes to the Grand Calumet River to the Kankakee River. The Calumet is a landscape reworked for industrial use that is now undergoing vigorous restoration for recreational and educational uses to enrich the lives of its residents and visitors.

While at Chicago State University, which anchors one corner of the Calumet region, Dr. Bouman started the University's Neighborhood Assistance Center, the Calumet Environmental Resource Center, and the GIS Laboratory. He also helped establish the Lake Calumet Ecosystem Partnership and was Project Director on a map for Chicago Wilderness that serves as an important touchstone for current planning work in the region.

Dr. Bouman's many involvements in regional affairs have included serving as: President of the Calumet Heritage Partnership, where he has tirelessly advocated for the creation of a Calumet National Heritage Area; Co-Chair of the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, as a Member of the Working Group of Vital Lands Illinois; and as a Member of the Millennium Reserve Steering Committee.

In addition to his volunteer pursuits, Dr. Bouman is a huge Cubs fan with an encyclopedic knowledge of stats and history about the game overall, a community choir singer, and a train buff; one year, he was even given the chance to drive a train for his birthday. He's also one of those people who shares a lot of obscure trivia, much to everyone's delight, not just about The Calumet region but about old Hollywood movies, politics, and many other things.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Bouman for his service and extending best wishes on his retirement. I have no doubt he will continue to stay actively involved on behalf of our region.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) WILLIE BARRAZA POST 9173

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Willie Barraza Post 9173 for their 75th anniversary. The Willie Barraza Post has been an important service organization to assist our veteran community, their families, and the wider El Paso community.

The Post was founded in 1949 and named after Willie Barraza, who was an Army Sergeant from Smeltertown who went Missing in Action during World War II. Smeltertown was located in El Paso, Texas, and housed workers of the American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO). Willie Barraza Post 9173 is the second oldest post in El Paso with veteran members from the Korean, Vietnam, and Global War on Terrorism.

The Willie Barraza Post is chartered with 34 World War II service members and currently has 148 members serving our border city and our military base of Fort Bliss. Their members are active participants in supporting our community. They help raise funds for local churches and scholarship opportunities for students. They also serve in recognizing veterans through participation in our district's annual Independence Day and Veterans Day parades.

Today, I want to thank the Willie Barraza Post for their service to the country and our community. I join them in celebrating their 75th Anniversary and commend them for their consistent presence in El Paso. I look forward to the continued work that they do in the coming years and decades.

PINELAND LEARNING CENTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the great school of Pineland Learning Center in Vineland, South Jersey, which has been of incredible mentorship for children in South Jersey for over four decades. Since its founding in 1980 by the late Fred Eccleston, the school has been an outstanding outlet for students that have struggled in the traditional learning environment by providing alternative learning techniques to fit their needs. Many times, the students that come to PLC have been dealt hands in life that most adults can't even imagine and because of this they have not been able to find their full potential in a typical school setting. With the dedicated staff that Pineland has to offer, the kids are provided with a safe, structured, and consistent learning environment where they can discover their gifts and see all the possibilities life has to offer. The staff gains the children's trust by committing themselves to learning who the student is by understanding the student's personality as well as quirks and triggers that cause outbursts. This allows the kids to learn

who they are by being allowed to be themselves in a culture that feels just like a family. PLC goes beyond academics by also providing the students with work-based learning for jobs that the local community has to offer, and college fairs where many of the kids can attend universities throughout the country. It is my great honor to commend the Pineland Learning Center on many years of great service to the youth of South Jersey and I look forward to many more years of improving their lives. God bless Pineland Learning Center and God bless the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE HOBSON

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Ohio and across the country in paying tribute to our friend, former Congressman David L. Hobson, who died on October 6.

Dave was one of the Buckeye State's most respected public servants. He worked on behalf of the people of the Seventh Congressional District for 18 years—and served in the State Senate for eight years prior to that. He took great pride in solving problems great and small on behalf of his constituents.

A longtime member of the Appropriations Committee and a Military Construction cardinal, Dave was a champion of our state's military installations of all types, ensuring that they were in the best position possible to contribute to our national defense.

Dave was himself a proud Ohio Air National Guard veteran, serving during the Berlin Wall crisis. In recognition of his service in and out of uniform, in 2022 he was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame—a high honor accorded to no more than 20 Ohioans each year.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful that men like Dave Hobson are willing to enter the arena and commit their lives to public service. Our prayers are with his wife, Carolyn, their three children, and their grand- and great-grandchildren at this time of sorrow.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. BRENDA DAVIS MURRELL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary public servant, trailblazing leader, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, mentor and friend of longstanding, Mrs. Brenda Davis Murrell. Sadly, Brenda transitioned from labor to reward on November 9, 2024. A celebration of her remarkable life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on November 15, 2024, at Victory Baptist Church, 640 Meriwether Road, Milledgeville, Georgia.

Brenda Davis Murrell was born August 11, 1951, in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Lexie Davis, Sr. and Ms. Bobbie Davis Arnold. Her family relocated to Milledgeville, Georgia when

Brenda was 10 years old, where she began the early stages of her life's journey of achievement, service, and empowerment of others. She was a product of the Baldwin County School System where she excelled academically and graduated from Boddie High School in 1969.

Upon graduation, Brenda attended the historic Paine College in Augusta, Georgia where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1973 and joined the sisterhood of her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she served for more than 50 years holding numerous leadership positions and leveraging her influence and vision for the sorority to make a lasting impact in communities across Georgia and beyond.

In pursuit of further knowledge and mastery, Brenda completed her master's degree in education from the University of Georgia in 1985 and armed with a keen understanding of human behavior, she began employment as a counselor within the Georgia Department of Corrections, rising through the ranks, breaking barriers, and setting unprecedented standards. Her tenacity, intellect and leadership skills earned her appointment as one of the first 3 Black and female wardens in the State of Georgia and her service as Warden at multiple institutions sealed her reputation as one of the most highly competent, effective, compassionate, and admired prison administrators in the profession. She was instrumental in implementing a wide range of transformative policies and programs which remain active today, including life changing prison ministries. Correctional officers and offenders who served under her leadership all say of Brenda that she always treated them with dignity and respect.

Her career culminated as Director of Facilities Operations for the Georgia Department of Corrections, overseeing more than 60 facilities with 10,000 employees and 47,000 offenders, reaching the zenith of her profession and setting a powerful example for future generations of leaders.

Following her retirement, Brenda continued to influence the field as a private consultant sharing her expertise with facilities and organizations nationwide. However, as she stepped away from corrections, she redirected her energy to her "first love"—DST. As a Delta, she embraced the Red Hat society, an organization dedicated to women's empowerment, embodying the message of living life boldly and with purpose.

Brenda was an avid traveler who cherished exploration, traversing continents and embarking on 19 adventures with Carnival and Caribbean Cruise lines.

A woman of unwavering faith, Brenda's life was grounded in her Christian beliefs and no matter where her career moved her, she sought out churches in her community, finding strength and kinship through worship. Her spiritual journey began at Flagg Chapel Baptist Church in Milledgeville where she served for many years as Church announcer, utilizing her distinctive voice and perfect diction there, and within her community as a respected public speaker.

Brenda loved her family. Her sons, Brandon and Bruce Butts were the loves of her life, and she was a doting grandmother, to say the least. Moreover, she loved her siblings and extended family; frequently organizing family reunions, and providing warmth, laughter, and support to all of them.