

incredibly rare. A comprehensive analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice from the 2016 general election found that out of 23.5 million votes in 42 jurisdictions, only an estimated 30 incidents of suspected noncitizen voting were referred for further investigation or prosecution. This amounts to just 0.0001 percent of votes cast. Additionally, the Cato Institute concluded in 2020 that “there is no good evidence that noncitizens voted illegally in large enough numbers to actually shift the outcome of elections.” And a Heritage Foundation analysis of legal actions regarding election conduct found only 24 instances of noncitizens voting between 2003 and 2023.

Requiring documentary proof of citizenship to vote would disenfranchise millions of Republican, Democratic, and independent voters who don't have a passport, birth certificate, or other form of identification required under this bill. This would disproportionately affect women, voters of color, poorer Americans, and older Americans, thus creating further barriers for these communities, many of whom already face hurdles to having their voices heard.

We therefore urge a “no” vote on the “SAVE Act” and call on the House of Representatives to instead vote on pro-voter bills like the Freedom to Vote Act and John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA KASE SOLOMON,
President & CEO, Common Cause.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO DOUG BARNES

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Doug Barnes. As Grapevine's favorite custodian, Doug was recently bid a heartwarming farewell by Heritage Elementary School to celebrate his retirement. Affectionately known as Mr. Doug, students at Heritage Elementary have been influenced deeply by his positivity, long cherishing his daily tradition of greeting them with high fives.

Even on his days off, Doug can be found at the students' soccer games and other activities to show his support and cheer them on. Heritage Elementary organized a special surprise to mark the end of Doug's time with the school. In true ‘Mr. Doug’ fashion, students and staff gathered for a celebration of high fives and hugs as they lined the parking lot to thank him with handmade signs and cards. The bittersweet goodbye brought Doug to tears as he reflected on his relationship with the students, saying there's no greater feeling than sowing seeds of kindness and watching them bloom.

Doug's role within the school community and in the hearts of these students is truly irreplaceable. He has gone above and beyond to show the value of kindness and the great impact that even the smallest of gestures can have.

I'd like to thank Doug for exemplifying compassion and setting a great example for young North Texans. His legacy of love and support will always be treasured by our community. Congratulations to Mr. Doug on his retirement.

WE ARE ISRAELIS CALLING ON
CONGRESS TO DISINVITE
NETANYAHU

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following guest essay published in The New York Times, which my dear friend and prominent constituent, Ralph Nader, shared with me.

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WE ARE ISRAELIS CALLING ON CONGRESS TO
DISINVITE NETANYAHU

(By David Harel, Tamir Pardo, Talia Sasson, Ehud Barak, Aaron Ciechanover and David Grossman)

The leaders of the U.S. Congress have invited Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to address a joint meeting of the Senate and the House of Representatives on July 24. Normally, we Israelis would consider the invitation recognition of our two nations' shared values and a welcome gesture from our closest friend and ally, to whom we are deeply and morally indebted.

But Congress has made a terrible mistake. Mr. Netanyahu's appearance in Washington will not represent the State of Israel and its citizens, and it will reward his scandalous and destructive conduct toward our country.

We come from a variety of areas of Israeli society: science, technology, politics, defense, law and culture. We are thus in a good position to assess the overall effect of Mr. Netanyahu's government, and like many, we believe that he is driving Israel downhill at an alarming speed, to the extent that we may eventually lose the country we love.

To date, Mr. Netanyahu has failed to come up with a plan to end the war in Gaza and has been unable to gain the freedom of scores of hostages. At the very least, an invitation to address Congress should have been contingent upon resolving these two issues and, in addition, calling for new elections in Israel. Inviting Mr. Netanyahu will reward his contempt for U.S. efforts to establish a peace plan, allow more aid to the beleaguered people of Gaza and do a better job of sparing civilians. Time and again, he has rejected President Biden's plan to remove Hamas from power in Gaza through the establishment of a peacekeeping force. Such a move would very likely bring in its wake a far broader regional alliance, including a vision to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which is not only in Israel's interest but also in the interest of both political parties in the United States. Mr. Netanyahu constitutes the main obstacle to these outcomes.

The man who will address Congress next month has failed to assume responsibility for the blunders that allowed the Hamas assault, initially blaming security chiefs (then quickly backtracking), and has yet to announce the establishment of a direly needed state commission of inquiry headed by a Supreme Court judge to look into the fiasco.

Despite the fierce fighting in Gaza and daily casualties on both sides, following Hamas's terrible attacks on Oct. 7, Mr. Netanyahu continues to push forward with the authoritarian remaking of Israel as if nothing has changed. The Israeli police force, under the command of the far-right-wing security minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, has cracked down violently on demonstrators. The appointments of court judges and a Supreme Court president remain on hold. Central scientific and cultural institutions con-

tinue to endure governmental attempts at political control. Large sums of money have been channeled recklessly to the ultra-Orthodox, who by and large do not share the economic and security burden of Israel's citizens, especially by remaining exempt from serving in the military. Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling overturning the exemption is a step forward, although the practical impact is unclear, given that Mr. Netanyahu has proposed enshrining the exemption in a law.

Above all, many Israelis are convinced that Mr. Netanyahu has obstructed proposed deals with Hamas that would have led to the release of the hostages in order to keep the war going and thus avoid the inevitable political reckoning he will face when it ends.

Mr. Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, the finance minister, whose support Mr. Netanyahu needs to maintain his government, are strongly opposed to stopping the war in Gaza, even for a temporary truce. They demand that the Gaza Strip be conquered and filled with new settlements.

For months now, many of us have participated in nationwide demonstrations demanding an immediate release of the hostages, an end to the war and immediate elections. Polls of Israelis show that a majority want immediate elections, or elections right at the end of the war.

A large portion of Israelis have lost faith in Mr. Netanyahu's government. He is clinging to power thanks to a tenuous parliamentary majority. That majority ignores the plight of tens of thousands of Israelis displaced in the south after the Hamas attack and in the north because of attacks by Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the families of the hostages, a powerful force now in Israel.

That's where Mr. Netanyahu's speech to Congress fits in with his political needs. No doubt it will be carefully stage-managed to prop up his shaky hold on power and allow him to boast to his constituents about America's so-called support for his failed policies.

His supporters in Israel will be emboldened by his appearance in Congress to insist that the war continue, which will further distance any deal to secure the release of the hostages, including several U.S. citizens.

Giving Mr. Netanyahu the stage in Washington will all but dismiss the rage and pain of his people, as expressed in the demonstrations throughout the country. American lawmakers should not let that happen. They should ask Mr. Netanyahu to stay home.

RECOGNIZING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOKAN GOODWILL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with abundant joy and eternal gratitude in recognition of the 130th anniversary of Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, affectionately referred to by their beneficiaries as MoKan Goodwill. This year marks over a century of the organization's commitment to empowering people and strengthening communities by providing much-needed jobs, affordable household goods, and employment training services to Greater Kansas City's most vulnerable residents. I fully expect MoKan Goodwill to continue to faithfully provide their services for as long as there are Missourians and Kansans to accept them, and I ask that we take a moment to reflect on the organization's profound impact.

The history of MoKan Goodwill is the history of two separate but like-minded organizations, eventually converging to make possible the charitable institution we know today. The first, founded 130 years ago in 1894, was Kansas City's Helping Hand Institute. Formed as a relief organization for the city's unhoused population, the institute supplied food and shelter as well as monetary compensation in exchange for completing work projects. This process served to successfully provide support, employment, and eventually self-sufficiency for those who needed it most. In doing so, the Helping Hand Institute not only made a difference in the lives of thousands of Kansas Citians, but also developed the city into the thriving metropolis we know today.

The second organization Goodwill, founded in Boston by Reverend Edgar J. Helms in 1902, was not unique to Kansas City, but was known nationwide for its charitable work and pioneering philanthropy. With the charitable will of any good minister, Helms sought to improve the living conditions of impoverished immigrants. He established Goodwill's trademark business model of collecting donated goods and selling them for a modest profit, which would be used to pay the workers who prepared the goods for sale. Helms made a habit of employing people who were economically disadvantaged or had disabilities, people who, at the time, would likely be unable to find a job elsewhere. It was a system with similar values and missions as the Helping Hand Institute. Both organizations not only provided relief to those who needed it the most, but also sought the opportunity for upward social mobility—the opportunity to make the American Dream, which seemed so elusive to so many, a reality.

Goodwill first came to Kansas City in 1925, in the form of a repair shop at St. Peter's Evangelical Church on Oak Street. It became clear to both Goodwill and the Helping Hand Institute that their efforts to raise the city's disadvantaged population into self-sufficiency would be more successful together. In 1978, the two merged to form the Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries. This name was changed to Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas in 2010 to better reflect the geographic scope of the organization, thus creating the MoKan Goodwill that we know and love today.

Today, MoKan Goodwill remains a steadfast pillar of the community of Greater Kansas City. Their thrift stores continue to operate under Reverend Helms's initial model, creating a valuable place of employment while extending the opportunity to purchase low-cost household goods, keeping those very same products out of landfills. The organization also offers individualized, one-on-one employment services to help their clients succeed in taking the most crucial step towards becoming self-sufficient: finding a job. Goodwill understands the importance of employment; to quote their mission statement, "Employment is more than a paycheck. It is independence, agency, dignity, and equality." That mission has evolved with the times. Through classes with Goodwill's Artemis Institute, students can learn about new technologies commonly used in workplaces and can even become certified as a Manufacturing Associate. Programs like the Artemis Institute prove that Goodwill can adapt to the digital age, and any other age thereafter.

Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The founders of the Helping Hand Institute were cheerful givers. Reverend Edgar J. Helms was a cheerful giver. Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas is an organization full of cheerful givers. Mr. Speaker, please join me as we celebrate 130 years of cheerful giving. The work that MoKan Goodwill has done empowering people and strengthening communities has been invaluable in building the vibrant Kansas City we know today. Congratulations to MoKan Goodwill on 130 years of service and many more to come.

REMEMBERING NEW MEXICO
REPRESENTATIVE JIM TRUJILLO

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the loss of one of New Mexico's most accomplished and best-loved public servants, former New Mexico State Representative Jim Trujillo. He demonstrated what it means to answer the call to public service and that public service is an act of love.

I am grateful for the love Rep. Trujillo gave to the people of his district and our state. His legacy now lives on in countless lives he touched in our beautiful state through both his important career as a financial professional and his broad public service in the New Mexico Human Services Department, six years in the New Mexico National Guard, and his outstanding 17 years in the New Mexico Legislature.

I met with Rep. Trujillo numerous times when I was working on voting rights and tribal intergovernmental matters. He always listened with deep attention and gave clear direction and support. He was a man of his word. His tireless dedication to the people of New Mexico proved how much we can accomplish when we work together for our beloved communities.

I carry his inspiration with me as I continue my own service in the beautifully diverse Third District of New Mexico.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Victoria, their children, and the entire extended Trujillo family.

COMMENDING THE BRAVE FIREFIGHTERS ACROSS ST. CLAIR COUNTY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave firefighters from across St. Clair County.

On Sunday, a dangerous fire broke out at an industrial warehouse in Port Huron. Local Fire Departments rushed to the scene and were met with an incredibly complex and nasty fire deep within the metal warehouse.

But this fire wasn't fought alone, as there was a community-wide response from local departments to assist in extinguishing this fire. Firefighters from Port Huron were joined by those from Fort Gratiot, Kimball Township, Marysville, St. Clair, and St. Clair County Homeland Security. When one firefighter had given his all, the next man stepped up and continued the effort to fight this fire.

Thanks to the quick and decisive actions of our local fire departments, this dangerous fire was successfully extinguished without any casualties after a multi-day battle.

Michigan's 9th District is incredibly thankful for the cohesive effort by local fire departments to fight this fire and protect our community.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELATING TO "NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE"

SPEECH OF

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. ZINKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the incredible accomplishments of female athletes—and against the unfair and unjust regulations from the Biden Administration.

On the eve of the Olympics, the Biden Administration announced new rules to gut Title IX that would wipe away decades of progress and nearly eliminate any chance of a level playing field for female athletes.

When I was growing up, along with many in this chamber, I watched my schoolmates fight tooth and nail for every victory. The lady Bulldogs were just as tough as their male counterparts, but it wasn't until Title IX that their right to equal access to athletics and scholarships was achieved. Even then, the uphill battle for quality fields, equipment and coaches was a fight. But those trailblazers made it possible for girls today to participate, develop, and excel as student athletes.

Many of my colleagues have mentioned the physical dangers of men competing against women, and there are many. There's also the basic understanding of biology. Boys are boys, and girls are girls. Boys run faster, jump higher, and hit harder.

But I'd like to focus on the opportunity cost. We all hear about elite female athletes being stripped of their titles by men who couldn't cut it in their own league. How about the hundreds of young ladies we don't hear about who missed out on high school playoffs, scholarships, state records, and other accolades all to bow to the radical left agenda?

Madam Speaker, I will not allow opportunities that were hard fought by women for decades to be stolen for girls today. I stand in strong support of the resolution and against President Biden's radical Title IX rule.