

Squadrons. He deployed three times over the course of his Active-Duty career, including twice into combat zones.

He received numerous awards and commendations over the course of his career, including the prestigious Newman Medal, which is awarded each year to the Air Force officer with the most significant contribution to military engineering in the entire U.S. Air Force.

John has dedicated his entire life to serving the United States, and today, I am proud to thank him for his service. I wish him well on a much-deserved retirement.

#### CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is more than just a historical marker. It is a cause for celebration.

Eastern North Carolinians of all ages came together from across the district to celebrate. We had a tremendous time watching talented local artists showcase their skills. Events were filled with vibrant art and music. There was food, vendors, and parades.

We had a fantastic time honoring history and coming together as a community. The sight of so many young people engaging was truly inspiring. I was thrilled to join so many constituents to celebrate this historic and powerful day of freedom.

#### HONORING GEORGE ALVIN McMANUS, JR.

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Senator George Alvin McManus, Jr., who served the great State of Michigan in many capacities throughout his long and well-lived life.

Born on the Murray Farm of Old Mission Peninsula, George was very familiar with hard work and the Michigan way of life.

A devout man of God, George proved to have a humble servant's heart as well as a vibrant sense of humor. I am sure it was those qualities that sustained his incredible 70-year marriage to his wife, Clara.

Though George boasted many accolades in his lifetime, perhaps his most important achievements were his 9 children, 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

In 1990, George was elected to the Michigan State Senate, where he served until 2002.

George was a wealth of advice, especially when it came to agriculture. He was an instrumental voice in northern Michigan and our entire State.

George McManus was an important part of the fabric of his community and will be dearly missed. May God bless George's family and his loved ones in their time of grief.

#### CELEBRATING GLASS CITY RIVERWALK'S RAISE GRANT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and gratefully share the news that the U.S. Department of Transportation's RAISE grant program has awarded over \$19 million for Toledo, Ohio's Glass City Riverwalk.

This new support, coupled with \$23.6 million received from the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD program in 2020, signifies a transformative investment of over \$42 million in the heart of the city of Toledo for infrastructure modernization and environmental restoration.

The Glass City Riverwalk spans 5 miles along both sides of the Maumee River, the largest river that flows into the Great Lakes by drainage area. It truly embodies our commitment to sustainable development, equitable access to green spaces, and enhancement of local quality of life. The riverwalk was conceived and built by our Metroparks system and has won national top awards for its design and innovation.

As community redevelopment occurs, now is the moment to imagine new possibilities showcasing our freshwater bounty, creating new energy conservation and production in the heart of Toledo, and growing and processing fresh vegetables and foods in the heart of our city on both sides of our magnificent river, our life source.

Toledo, it is time to celebrate building forward.

#### STOP THE WAR ON AMERICAN TRUCK DRIVERS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to talk about the latest front in the Biden administration's war on the middle class. They are all for the welfare class, and they are all for the superrich, but not the middle class.

We are used to hearing about the massive increase in costs of cars and light trucks as we are forced into electric vehicles. At least as I understand it, talking to my dealers, the cost of a car is probably going to go up about 25 percent. We are used to also hearing about the massive increase in car insurance that we are going to have as we go to electric vehicles.

We don't hear about the huge hammer coming down on the backbone of the American middle class, the American truck driver. I found out today

that the cost of a new semi going from diesel to electric vehicle will go from \$130,000 to over \$300,000 a semi. As far as the amount that you are able to drive before refueling: from 1,200 miles back down to only 325 miles.

Congress must act to prevent President Biden's latest war on the truck driver, the backbone of the American middle class.

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#### HONORING DR. AL MIJARES

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the career of my very good friend, retiring Orange County superintendent Dr. Al Mijares.

Dr. Mijares was first appointed as Orange County superintendent of schools in 2012. Before that he was Santa Ana Unified School District's superintendent. Al is a man that truly cares about our children and their well-being.

Dr. Mijares' vision is to ensure that each one of our children is prepared to succeed in life.

I thank Dr. Mijares for his friendship and thank him for caring. I thank him for a lifelong career of caring for our children in our public school system.

We as a community are praying for his recovery, and we love him.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ALBANY MARCHING FALCONS

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Albany Marching Falcons for their inspiring performance at the celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of the D-day invasion in France.

Earlier this month, the Marching Falcons, made up of middle and high school students from the Albany City School District, had the opportunity to perform in Falaise, where the Battle of Normandy took place 40 years ago.

Band members also took part in a personal ceremony on Omaha Beach, where they honored deceased friends and family members who served in the Second World War.

Bryan Cady, the marching band's director, supported his students through each step of this journey, leading fundraising initiatives to secure the necessary resources for this beautiful trip.

Despite facing several challenges once they arrived in France, the band continued to march on with pride and resilience, looking and sounding totally professional. I am honored that these students were able to represent our capital region in this powerful celebration.

To the Albany Marching Falcons, I offer my most sincere gratitude for

their continued perseverance, and I extend my congratulations on an incredible performance.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO STANLEY GOLDSTEIN

(Mr. MAGAZINER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Stanley Goldstein, who passed away last month.

Born and raised in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Stanley came from humble beginnings before graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business and serving in the United States Army.

Upon his return home in 1963, Stan and his brother Sid opened the first CVS store in Lowell, Massachusetts. He believed that success would stem from prioritizing customer satisfaction over easy profits. He was right.

By the time Stan retired as CEO of CVS in 2006, the company had become the largest drug store chain in the U.S., with over 4,000 stores. Today, CVS has over 9,000 stores and employs more than 300,000 people.

Stanley never forgot his roots. CVS is still headquartered in his hometown of Woonsocket, and he remained in Rhode Island his entire life, raising his family there.

In his retirement, he was sometimes seen digging for clams or listening to Red Sox games on the radio.

Stanley Goldstein leaves behind a legacy of hard work and dedication that has created jobs for thousands and improved the health outcomes for millions.

He will be deeply missed, but his legacy endures.

#### BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S CONTINUED INACTION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TENNEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, today, I rise on behalf of my constituents in western North Carolina to demand accountability for the Biden administration's continued inaction at our southern border.

After more than 7.9 million illegal immigrant encounters in only 3½ years, the American people are wondering when will enough be enough for the Biden administration to finally stand up and stop this disaster at our border, a disaster that Joe Biden's policies have directly caused.

Tuesday, June 3, Joe Biden issued an executive order that claimed to finally restrict migrants' ability to seek asylum if they crossed into the country illegally, but if you look at that execu-

tive order closely, you will realize this is just more smoke and mirrors.

The executive order is nothing more than a desperate political stunt to stabilize his election numbers and does nothing to actually restore order or secure our border. The executive order continues to allow at least 2,500 illegal crossings per day, giving the green light to nearly 1 million new illegal crossings every year.

While 1 million crossings may not be Joe Biden's personal best, it is still a record high number of crossings per year across past administrations.

Worst of all, the executive order exempts unaccompanied children from the tally so human traffickers and parents are just going to continue to smuggle minors illegally across the border.

Need us forget that for the last 3 years, Biden has insisted that there is no border crisis. Suddenly, 5 months before the general election, Joe Biden admits that there is a crisis and suddenly has a solution.

I encourage the American people to take a real hard look at the supposed solution because it is a sham. It is time Biden take accountability for what he has caused at our southern border and actually take meaningful action to fix this mess.

Despite making no real progress on securing our border, if this executive order made anything clear, it is that his hands are not tied.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### THE STATE OF VOTING RIGHTS IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to coanchor this Congressional Black Caucus Special Order hour along with my distinguished colleague, Representative TERRI SEWELL, of the great State of Alabama.

For the next 60 minutes, members of the Congressional Black Caucus will have an opportunity to speak directly to the American people on the subject of the Shelby v. Holder decision and the American Voting Rights Act, specifically the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, an issue of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, Congress, the constituents we represent, and all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL).

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, today, we in the Congressional Black Caucus gather to observe the 11th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Shelby County v. Holder decision and to reflect on the state of voting rights in America.

It was exactly 11 years ago today when the Supreme Court's conservative majority gutted the heart of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, eliminating voter protections and removing Federal oversight from States with a proven record of voter discrimination.

We have seen, in those 11 years, 31 States institute at least 103 new laws to restrict voting rights. It is no surprise that those laws disproportionately target African-American and minority voters.

The consequences of the Shelby decision have been clear and devastating: long lines, strict ID requirements that require time and money to obtain, closed polling stations in communities of color, bans on early voting and absentee voting, the purging of voter rolls, and the list goes on and on.

In my home State of Alabama, lawmakers have recently made it a felony to assist someone with their absentee ballot. While these tactics may be new, we know that they are borrowed from the same playbook that has been used for generations to silence the voices of African-American and other minority voters.

While Black voters may not need to count the number of jelly beans in a jar, modern-day barriers to voting are no less pernicious than the poll tax and the literacy tests of the past.

In Shelby v. Holder, the Supreme Court was clear that the onus was on Congress to come up with a modern-day formula to determine which States are subject to Federal oversight.

Well, I am proud to say that we have done just that. Working together with our Nation's premier civil rights and voting rights organizations, we have come up with a modern-day formula to ensure States and localities with a recent history of voter discrimination are prohibited from restricting voter access. We even named it after our late, great colleague and hero, Congressman John Lewis.

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which we introduced for the fifth time in September, will protect the rights of every American to vote.

Despite our efforts, our colleagues across the aisle have continued to block these efforts from being considered.

The fact that voting rights has been a partisan issue is frankly baffling to me. After all, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was reauthorized not once, not twice, but three times with broad bipartisan support, most recently by President George W. Bush.

Yet, all of a sudden, our colleagues across the aisle have abandoned the