

investigate not voter suppression, but so-called “voter fraud” in the 2016 election.

Trump and his followers have been remarkably effective in pumping up the myth of voter fraud, but it is just that: a myth.

Between 2000 and 2014, there were 35 credible allegations of voter fraud out of more than 834 million ballots cast—that is less than 1 one-hundred thousandth of a percent.

An extensive study by social scientists at Dartmouth College uncovered no evidence consistent with Trump’s wild allegations of widespread voter fraud rigging the 2016 election.

Just for the record, the popular vote of the presidential election was:

Hillary Clinton, 65,853,516;

Donald Trump, 62,884,824.

Trump’s deficit of 2.9 million was the largest of any Electoral College winner in history by a massive margin, and despite the allegations of the current Administration, there have been only 4 documented cases of voter fraud in the 2016 election.

The Voter Fraud Commission, like many of Trump’s business schemes, is a massive scam built on countless lies that do not hold up to any level of scrutiny.

As Members of Congress, we should be devoting our time, energy, and resources to address Russian infiltration of our election infrastructure arid campaigns, along with a slew of other pressing issues.

Instead, we must deal with the possibility that the Trump Administration’s brazen attempt to collect the private information of 200 million Americans could very well result in the greatest breach of our national security if Trump’s proposed joint U.S.-Russia cybersecurity taskforce is ever realized.

Both Democratic and Republican governors from 44 states have flat-out rejected the Trump Administration’s request; saying “no” to senseless, dangerous power grabs is a bipartisan issue.

Instead of enjoying and strengthening the protections guaranteed in the Voting Rights Act, we—people of color, women, LGBTQ individuals, and immigrants—have been given the joyless, exhausting task of fending off the constant barrage of attacks levelled at our communities by men like Trump.

Not only are we tasked with reversing the current dismal state of voter suppression against minorities; we are forced to refute the blatant, propagandist lie of voter fraud.

We must not allow our government to slide back into the worst elements of this country’s past, to stand idly by as our treasured values of progress and equality are poisoned and dismantled.

My position on this issue is directly aligned with the will of the American people.

I commend my colleagues, Congresswoman PLASKETT and Congressman VEASEY, for hosting this special order in opposition to the Shelby County ruling and Trump’s pernicious smear campaign against this country’s most historically disenfranchised.

LUCIA GONZALEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lucia Gon-

zalez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lucia Gonzalez is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lucia Gonzalez 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 Lucia Gonzalez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my flight from Florida was delayed due to weather, then due to pilot flight hour regulations, then again due to weather, and finally delayed again due to a second pilot’s flight hour regulations.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 379, YEA on Roll Call No. 380, and YEA on Roll Call No. 381.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, last week, I was unable to vote on Roll Call numbers 347, 348, 349, and 353, as I was with my family upon the birth of my grandchild. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call numbers 347, 348, and 353, and YEA on Roll Call Number 349.

SOLIDARITY WITH ARGENTINA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, twenty-three years ago, Argentina and the world faced an unprecedented tragedy. A car, loaded down with explosives, detonated outside of the Argentine-Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA), killing 85 individuals and wounding at least 300 in Buenos Aires.

This murderous terrorist attack was the largest attack on the Jewish community since the atrocities of World War II.

I am disappointed that despite years of investigation that have affirmed the attack was perpetrated by Hezbollah, a terrorist organization sponsored by Iran, there has still been no justice for the victims or their families. America has profound sympathy and solidarity for the people of Argentina.

I appreciate the leadership of my colleague, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, former Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, for her diligent work to support the government of Argentina as they work to bring those responsible to justice.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2017, I was unavoidably detained and missed recorded votes No. 379 to 381. Had I been present,

on Roll Call No. 379, H.R. 2210, Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center, I would have voted YEA;

on Roll Call No. 380, H.J. Res. 92, Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Area Transit Regulation Compact, I would have voted YEA; and

on Roll Call No. 381, H.J. Res. 76, Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on July 17, 2017 due to travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YEA for rollcall vote 379.

YEA for rollcall vote 380.

YEA for rollcall vote 381.

HONORING CAPTAIN SEAN

ENDECOTT ELLIOTT

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Captain Sean Endecott Elliott of south Orange County who died serving his country in a fatal KC-130 Cargo Plane Crash in Leflore County, Mississippi on July 10, 2017.

After graduating from the University of California Davis in 2009, Sean joined the United States Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Captain in 2013. He went on to become an aircraft commander for the KC-130 and fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming both a pilot and a Marine. A star tennis player known affectionately by his Marine Corps call sign “Puffin” Sean Elliott was a fine soldier