

Amber Tiernan, Patriot High School
 Amanda Proch, Gifted Education
 Amy Ivory, Colgan High School
 Christina Sherman, Marumsco Hills Elementary School
 Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School
 Carolyn Ciminelli, Old Bridge Elementary School
 Leah Krucelyak, Beville Middle School
 Ashley Marland, Covington-Harper Elementary School
 Andrea Wilkey, Featherstone Elementary School
 Allan Weberg, Potomac High School
 Todd Hayes, Hylton High School
 Chris Proch, Woodbridge High School
 Melonie Yielding, Ellis Elementary School
 Timothy L. Wilson, Mary F. Williams Elementary School
 Shannon Speights, Dumfries Elementary School
 Amy Wise, Rippon Middle School
 Jennifer Roberts, Piney Branch Elementary School
 Susan Bowden, West Gate Elementary School
 Melissa Callaghan, Cedar Point Elementary School
 Krista Oldenburg, Benton Middle School
 Connie Schumacher, Stonewall Middle School
 Kathleen Hugh, Woodbridge High School
 Stephanie Ryan, Coles Elementary School
 Donna C. Morgan, Professional Development
 Ashley Abraham, Brentsville District High School
 Kristen Augsburg, Battlefield High School

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today proud of the passage of H.R. 1—the 'For the People Act.' H.R. 1 not only restores faith back into our elections; it's a promise that House Democrats will deliver to the American public.

Despite what MITCH MCCONNELL says, H.R. 1 is not a "power grab." It's a plan to restore public confidence back into our electoral system. It says, in our democracy, everyone's voice and vote must count. So again—let's recap all the good H.R. 1 will do: it will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, create automatic voter registration; limit the power of restrictive voter ID laws, and make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

We all know Republicans have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor. Republican governors and state legislatures across the country have suppressed voting among: communities of color;

poor people; seniors; and people with disabilities, using targeted, racist voting laws.

The right to vote, our most basic democratic right, is under siege. But today, with the passage of H.R. 1, we say enough is enough. We're putting an end to the Republican culture of voter intimidation. We are giving power back to the people.

LORENZO BECERRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lorenzo Becerra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lorenzo Becerra is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lorenzo Becerra 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 Lorenzo Becerra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

**HONORING AND REMEMBERING
 THE LIFE OF JAY A. ARCANGELI**

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Jay A. Arcangeli.

Jay Arcangeli was born on December 11, 1967 in Montour Falls, New York. He grew up on his family's dairy farm in Burdett, New York, where he developed his love for farming. To many, farming is a full time job. To Jay, farming was his passion. Jay would finish a full day of work to come home to his family and then tend to his cattle and crops. To his very last day, Jay chased his farming dreams.

Jay was the model of hard work and public service. By day, Jay served as the Highway Deputy Superintendent for Schuyler County. Before taking his current position, Jay served as the Town of Hector Highway Superintendent and before that as the bridge foreman for Silverline Construction for over two decades. In his free time, Jay volunteered with the Burdett Fire Department. Whether he was on the clock or not, Jay was serving his community.

Jay will be remembered as a husband, a father, and a friend to many. We salute him now and stand with his family in somber remembrance of his life, his love, and his passions. I thank him for his service and pray he will rest in peace.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to remember the life of Jay Arcangeli.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 1—The For The People Act of 2019. This once in a generation legislation will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, and limit the influence of big money in politics. This essentially is a down payment on a promise to the American public to create tangible voting reform, to eliminate discriminatory voting laws, and to make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

Voting is an integral part of our democracy, as elections are the method in which America chooses its elected officials and what it desires from its government. We are currently enduring a time in which the right to vote is increasingly under siege. Decision makers across the country have worked to suppress voting in communities of color, and among poor people, seniors, and people with disabilities using targeted, racist voting laws. They have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor.

In my home state of Texas, strict identification laws that largely penalize African-American, Hispanic and Native American voters have been enacted. Texas even went so far as imposing voter ID requirements and restrictions on college students, a prominent voting bloc in local and national elections. Closed and changed polling locations, inoperable voting machines, and unavailable translators in immigrant-heavy communities have also contributed to voter confusion.

Needless to say, we need to counter this culture of voter intimidation. Simultaneously, we must also invest in technological advancements and repeal discriminatory voting laws. In order to do this, we must restore public confidence that everyone's vote and voice counts. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

JAYLA BOITER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jayla Boiter for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jayla Boiter is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jayla Boiter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels