

And help came the very next week when President Johnson announced to the nation that he would send to Congress for immediate action a law designed to eliminate illegal barriers to the right to vote by striking down “restrictions to voting in all elections—Federal, State, and local—which have been used to deny Negroes the right to vote.”

On August 6, 1965, that legislation—the Voting Rights Act of 1965—was signed into law by President Johnson and for the next 48 years did more to expand our democracy and empower racial and language minorities than any act of government since the Emancipation Proclamation and adoption of the Civil War Amendments.

But our work is not done; the dreams of Dr. King and of all those who gave their lives in the struggle for justice are not behind us but still before us.

Madam Speaker, in the wake of the Supreme Court’s 2013 ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which severely crippled the Voting Rights Act, we have seen many states across our nation move to enact legislation designed to limit the ability of women, the elderly, and racial and language minorities to exercise their right to vote.

To honor the memory of the foot soldiers of Selma, we must rededicate ourselves to a great task remaining before us—to repair the damage done to the Voting Rights Act by working to pass H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019, which I am proud to be one of the original co-sponsors.

As I have stated many times, the 1965 Voting Rights Act is no ordinary piece of legislation.

For millions of Americans, and for many in Congress, it is a sacred treasure, earned by the sweat and toil and tears and blood of ordinary Americans who showed the world it was possible to accomplish extraordinary things.

As we remember and honor the foot soldiers of Selma, let us resolve also to restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965, so that it remains a lasting monument to their heroism and devotion to the country they loved.

SHOHZODAKHON BURHONOVA

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 Shohzodakhon Burhonova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Shohzodakhon Burhonova is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shohzodakhon Burhonova 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 Shohzodakhon Burhonova 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.

COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDREDDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the first Steuben County Fair.

In Steuben County we are proud of our farmers and the hard work they do. The Steuben County Fair is a celebration of that hard work and an opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together to join in the festivities.

The County Agricultural Society held their first ever countywide fair in 1819. This would be the first of many festivals that would come to be known as the Steuben County Fair. The creation of the new Steuben County Agricultural Society in 1853 led to the establishment of an annual county fair. The following year marked the first time the fair was held at its current site and by 1862 the Agricultural Society had purchased the fairgrounds to ensure the longevity and continuity of the event. As the years have gone by, the fairgrounds have added fair houses, grandstands, a Judges Hall, and even a pioneer log cabin—each addition enhancing the experience for visitors and participants of the fair.

The Steuben County Fair holds a special place in my heart. I have many fond memories of going to the fair with my mother and eleven older siblings as we grew up in Corning and I’m glad to share this tradition with my son and daughter today. Everyone in our family has a part of the fair they like best, but the famous demolition derby has always been my favorite event and I make sure not to miss it.

Two hundred years of community tradition is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Steuben County Agricultural Society on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more fairs in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the Steuben County Fair.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1, THE FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1, The For the People Act.

In November, Americans took to the polls to make their voices heard—and this Democratic Congress has heard them, loud and clear.

H.R. 1 will implement common-sense measures to give Congress and our elections more transparency.

It’s long been said that sunshine is the greatest disinfectant.

We need to limit the influence of money in our politics and make critical updates to our campaign finance laws.

We need to make sure that voters elect their representatives and not the other way around.

We need to give every American a seat at the table, so we can drive progress for every family in every community.

H.R. 1 does all these things and more.

It expands access at the ballot box by addressing systemic and institutional barriers to voting.

It prohibits voter roll purges and ends partisan gerrymandering.

It expands early and absentee voting.

It also protects our elections systems from attack.

I am also proud that H.R. 1 lays the groundwork for H.R. 4, The Voting Rights Advancement Act, which will restore the VRA’s preclearance provision.

Madam Speaker, voting is the very cornerstone of our democracy. And THIS is what Democracy looks like.

ELIJAH BURK

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 Elijah Burk for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Elijah Burk is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Elijah Burk 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 Elijah Burk 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.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 TYSONS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and to congratulate the incoming 2019 board members.

Tysons has drastically transformed during the past 56 years from a sleepy, rural area to one of the most vibrant regions in the country. This change began when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved plans for the Tysons Corner Shopping Center in 1962. When the mall opened in 1968, it was hailed as the largest enclosed mall in the world.

Since then, there has been a dramatic influx of technology companies, government contracting firms, and other corporations. Tysons