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COMMEMORATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPEAL OF DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

For over 18 years, this discriminatory policy resulted in the discharge of thousands of brave, honorable, and capable servicemembers, solely due to their sexual orientation.

On December 22, 2010, the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act was signed into law, and the policy officially ended 10 years ago today.

As a longtime supporter of repeal, I was thrilled when years of advocacy and determination paid off in the victory for dignity and equality.

LGBTQ servicemembers are an integral part of our Nation's defense, and they deserve our eternal support and gratitude for the sacrifices they make every day to keep us safe.

Please join me in commemorating this historic day and in thanking all LGBTQ servicemembers and veterans for their service to our Nation.

LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, any attack against the sanctity of human life tears the moral fabric of this great country.

H.R. 3755, the abortion on demand until birth act, is yet another scheme levied against the most vulnerable group in this country, the unborn. This legislation would impose abortion on demand for any reason until birth. What's more, it would override past and future pro-life laws at both the State and Federal levels.

Madam Speaker, the unborn deserve a voice in the people's House who stands for them, and I am proud to be one of the many in this body who do so. Let us never forget that life is a precious gift from God, and that gift should never be squandered under any circumstances.

REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IS NOT FOR THE LAZY OR THE FAINT OF HEART

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked what type of government our founders had created with the U.S. Constitution, and his response was: "A republic, if you can keep it."

Why? Because representative democracy is not for the lazy or the faint of heart. American democracy relies upon an informed, engaged citizenry. We require immigrants to pass a difficult test when they become citizens, but we currently require little to ensure that our children are prepared for that role.

I have been a proponent of civics education for my entire life, and it is more important than ever to help our schools provide high quality civic education. Our young people need to understand how government works; how they can effectively advocate for themselves and their communities; and how to navigate the masses of disinformation found online.

Last Friday, on Constitution Day, I introduced a bipartisan bill with Representative MEIJER, the Teaching Engaged Citizenship Act, to promote high-quality, evidence-based civic education and service learning programs in K-12 public schools.

Our Constitution has a rich, complicated history. If we want to keep it, we need to teach it.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DWIGHT EMANUELSON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Dwight Emanuelson of Hilton Head, South Carolina, who sadly passed recently at the age of 88.

Dwight had an impactful career serving his community. After graduating from Cornell University, he began a lifelong career as a successful broker that brought him to Savannah, Georgia. Although Dwight worked in the financial services industry for over 60 years, his passion for life and love for his family is what defined him.

Dwight also had a lifelong passion for art, which he shared generously with the Telfair Museum of Art in Savannah.

When Dwight wasn't admiring artwork, he was enjoying the outdoors with his children and grandchildren. Dwight's dedication to improving the lives of others will never be forgotten.

I am proud to rise today to honor Dwight and his lifetime of service to Georgia's First Congressional District. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

RIGHTING A WRONG

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to right a wrong. Shortly after his passing, there was an op-ed written about Bob Moses which characterized him as "the most important civil rights hero most Americans never heard of." I painfully agree.

Bob Moses has never been given the credit he deserved. Fortunately for us, his ego was small, but his impact was giant.

Bob Moses was a relentless organizer and seeker of justice and equitable access to the ballot box as a SNCC organizer and a transformative educator as the founder of the Algebra Project.

He was a loving husband, father, and generous mentor.

Much like his iconic overalls, Bob Moses was unassuming and resilient. Days before he transitioned, Moses was still fighting, this time for critical COVID relief funds to be used to finally reinvent the math classroom.

He said: "The problem is not the willingness or ability of students to succeed, rather the systemic inequities teachers and students of color face."

He once posed the question: "What do you do when the country has a sickness?"

I can say, the cure for our Nation's sickness of systemic racism and inequality is to model that which Mr. Moses demonstrated throughout this life. May we honor him now, in a way that matters most: Change.

Rest in power, Mr. Moses.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brainerd, Minnesota, a city in my district that is celebrating 150 years of culture, history, and exceptionalism.

As the weeklong celebration begins with festivals and a beautiful park dedication, it is important to recognize what makes Brainerd so special.

Located along the mighty Mississippi River and surrounded by many of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, what started out as a railroad town has evolved into a bustling community where countless Americans have chosen to open a business, engage in commerce, and recreate.

While Brainerd has grown and evolved throughout the past 150 years, one thing has always remained the same: it is an excellent place to live and raise a family.

As we celebrate 150 years of Brainerd, I want to recognize the former and current community leaders, business owners, and families who have made this community great. I could not be prouder to represent this amazing community in Congress.

Here is to 150 more years of prosperity and excellence.

FAIR TREATMENT OF LOCAL FARMERS

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