

Sylvia and her husband, John, enjoyed traveling throughout their 72 years of marriage and even embarked to the Holy Land in Israel. In retirement, Sylvia and John enjoyed gardening, watching wildlife, and spending time with their grandchildren. Sylvia has five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

To be close to her son, Barry, and his family, Sylvia and John moved to Richmond, Texas, in 2007. Sylvia's life has been one of love, service, and resilience. She has left a lasting mark on all who have known her.

On behalf of Texas' 22nd Congressional District, I wish a happy 100th birthday to Sylvia. May God continue to bless Sylvia, her family, and her loved ones.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROP HUNGER WALK OF ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on the 50th anniversary of their efforts in the fight against hunger. The contributions that this event has made to Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities in support of access to meals and greater food security are worthy of commendation.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crop to post-World War II Europe and Asia. They soon expanded their target to ending hunger at home as well. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1969 and York, Pennsylvania in 1970. Since then, CROP Hunger Walks have grown to over 1,300 annual events across the nation with thousands of participating communities raising funds to eradicate hunger worldwide. 75 percent of the money raised at a CROP Hunger Walk is used to support global grassroots organizations while 25 percent of the funds stays in the host community for local hunger fighting agencies.

Ann Arbor held its first CROP Hunger Walk only four years after the program's founding. The city has helped raise, on average, \$30,000 to \$45,000 each year. That money has supported various community based programs and non-profits, dedicated to assisting all people with access to healthy food options, personal hygiene products, accessible housing, affordable health care, and more. The success of their CROP Hunger Walk would not be possible without the devotion of its volunteers and participants. As more communities have begun hosting their own CROP Hunger Walks, the committed community members of Ann Arbor have carried on this tradition and will continue to do so in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk and the contributions it has made to the fight against hunger. For the last 50 years, the event has brought together Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities in support of the common goal to end hunger. Thanks to the efforts of all participants and volunteers, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to fund

local hunger-fighting programs in Ann Arbor and support global efforts to end world hunger and poverty. We thank the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk for its service to Michigan and are excited to see how the event continues serving the community in the future.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHERYL DENISE BRADY, USA, RETIRED, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present retired USA Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl Denise Brady of Nacogdoches, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

Born and raised in El Dorado, Arkansas, where she graduated from Southern Arkansas University with a bachelor's degree in political science. Cheryl received her commission in 1984 as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps through Army ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate. After serving during The Gulf war and the war in Iraq, she culminated a 28-year distinguished military career as the Area Support Group-Kuwait, Director of Logistics at Camp Kuwait from August 2009 to January 2012. She was awarded the highest level recognition in 2011 as a Demonstrated Master Logistician under The Army Demonstrated Logistician Designation Program. Included among her military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Cheryl and her husband, Donald moved in May of 2019 at the Lord's direction to Nacogdoches, Texas. Cheryl teaches a women's Sunday school class and leads a weekly Spiritual Bootcamp, Bible reading group, at First Christian Church. She serves as board secretary of the Village Nac, a faith-based community where people who have chronic mental health issues or chronic homelessness can find housing, help, hope and healing. Here she teaches weekly discipleship classes and Bible studies while also serving as a mentor for Village residents.

It is my honor to award retired USA Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl Denise Brady with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

EXPOSING THE GAZA DEATH UNDERCOUNT, BY RALPH NADER

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following article published in the August/September issue of the Capitol Hill Citizen by my constituent,

Ralph Nader. I do not endorse everything put forward in the article; however, I believe it is important that it be included as a matter of free speech and discussion.

One way that the annihilator—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—flipped off the meek urgings of President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to “minimize civilian casualties” in Gaza was to say—Don't lecture me—look at what you did to civilians in Hiroshima (140,000 dead), Nagasaki (70,000 dead) and Dresden (25,000 dead) to crush your enemies. That's 235,000 dead in two nations with a population at the time of 150 million.

In Gaza, a tiny enclave of 2.3 million long besieged and impoverished people, nearly half of them children, the Israeli regime, a military nuclear superpower, backed unconditionally by the United States government and its demanding lobbies, has far exceeded that three city devastation.

The following probative evidence and professional assessments point to a death toll of over 300,000 Palestinians in Gaza with that number at least doubling by end of the year.

Why then is the reviled Hamas' official death count now at about 41,000, accepted by the mass media and most governments, regardless of their view for or against the genocide in Gaza?

Hamas is vested in an undercount to temper accusations by their own people that it has not protected them. (Hamas badly underestimated the total savagery of the Israeli response to its October 7 attack through a mysteriously collapsed multitiered Israeli border security complex.) The Israeli government also prefers an undercount to temper the rising level of international condemnation and boycotts.

As a result, the slow rise in the official fatality and injury undercount leaves a widening gap each day compared to the actual toll of death and morbidity on the ground. Normally, there would be an ongoing “gold standard” epidemiological estimate.

But war epidemiology has historically been understudied. A 2015 article in the journal *Epidemiology* found that for the epidemiology of severe acute respiratory syndrome there had been nearly 2.5 academic articles per death, while for the epidemiology of wars and armed conflict there are only 0.00005 articles per death.

Gaza presents additional obstacles. For years, Netanyahu has barred entry by journalists, including Israelis, from free and independent reporting there.

In early July 2024, more than 70 media and civil society organizations signed an open letter urging Israel to give journalists independent access to Gaza.

The organizations—which include the Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, BBC, CNN, The Guardian, the New York Times, and the Washington Post—said that no independent media access to Gaza has been permitted since the start of the war.

“This effective ban on foreign reporting has placed an impossible and unreasonable burden on local reporters to document a war through which they are living,” they wrote.

“More than 100 journalists have been killed since the start of the war and those who remain are working in conditions of extreme deprivation. The result is that information from Gaza is becoming harder and harder to obtain and that the reporting which does get through is subject to repeated questions over its veracity.”

Similarly, international humanitarian analysts have been excluded.

“Aid groups have been pointing to Israel restricting the flow of assistance into the territory as a major driver of the crisis,” Tharoor repeated. “Some prominent Israeli

officials openly champion stymying these transfers of aid.”

Martin Griffiths, the United Nations lead humanitarian officer said weeks ago that “life is draining out of Gaza at terrifying speed.”

“U.N. Secretary General António Guterres warned of an ‘unknown number of people’—believed to be in the tens of thousands—lying under the rubble of buildings brought down by Israeli strikes,” the Post reported.

On April 5, 2024, then special envoy for Biden on Humanitarian Affairs, David Satterfield told the American Jewish Committee “there is an imminent risk of famine for the majority, if not all, the 2.2 million population of Gaza.”

“This is not a point in debate. It is an established fact, which the United States, its experts, the international community, its experts assess and believe is real,” Satterfield said.

A few days later, USAID administrator Samantha Power agreed that it was “credible” to assess that famine was already occurring in Gaza.

UNICEF, Save the Children, the World Food Program, the International Rescue Committee, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and Doctors Without Borders are all relating the same catastrophic conditions getting worse.

Some of these groups have lost valiant staff to Israeli attacks, including while sheltering in clearly marked UNWRA and Red Crescent buildings and vehicles. Israeli war crime violations of international law are legion, according to experts in the field from many nations.

These groups have years of experience working in disaster areas around the world and their reputation for reporting conditions is first rate. They know full well that the terrifying amputations and other disabilities and the corrosive PTSD on civilians, especially children, will long continue for those survivors.

Against this background, the mass media ditto heading the Hamas undercount would have people believe that 98 percent of the Gaza population has survived the Israeli onslaught. This is lethally impossible.

In July, the prestigious UK medical journal *The Lancet* put out a study of the Gaza undercount conservatively concluding that “it is not implausible to estimate that up to 186,000 or even more deaths could be attributable to the current conflict in Gaza.”

Finally, there is eye witness clinical evidence by western physicians, nurses and medical support staff returning from their tours of duty in the remaining badly damaged hospitals. Their accounts offer more probative evidence. In a largely ignored, documented letter to Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden and Kamala Harris, dated July 25, 2024, 45 of these doctors recounted their clinical observations.

Here are a few of them:

“I’ve never seen such horrific injuries, on such a massive scale, with so few resources. Our bombs are cutting down women and children by the thousands. Their mutilated bodies are a monument to cruelty.”—Dr. Feroze Sidhwa, trauma and critical care surgeon.

“Gaza was the first time I held a baby’s brains in my hand. The first of many.”—Dr. Mark Perlmutter, orthopedic and hand surgeon.

“Specifically, every one of us on a daily basis treated preteen children who were shot in the head and chest,” the doctors wrote in the letter to the Bidens and Harris. “With only marginal exceptions, everyone in Gaza is sick, injured, or both.”

“President and Dr. Biden, we wish you could see the nightmares that plague so

many of us since we have returned—dreams of children maimed and mutilated by our weapons, and their inconsolable mothers begging us to save them,” they wrote. “We wish you could hear the cries and screams our consciences will not let us forget. We cannot believe that anyone would continue arming the country that is deliberately killing these children after seeing what we have seen.”

“Israel has targeted our colleagues in Gaza for death, disappearance, and torture,” the doctors wrote. “We believe that the death toll from this conflict is many times higher than what is reported by the Gaza Ministry of Health.” “We urge you to end this madness now.”

Ironically, in December 2023, Dr. Jill Biden told spouse Joe Biden: “Stop it, stop it now, Joe.” (Source: Joe Biden). The doctors who signed the letter are asking for a personal meeting with the Bidens and Kamala Harris.

RECOGNIZING GRAND TRAVERSE INDUSTRIES

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Grand Traverse Industries for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community.

Founded in May 1974, GTI has continuously provided services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties. Over the years, GTI has expanded to also offer vocational training, employment, and habilitation services to individuals across seven counties of Northwest Lower Michigan. During their half century of service, GTI has helped thousands of people find their passion in life and guide them into fulfilling careers. Their advocacy for those with special needs is admirable and appreciated, and the work that they have done has touched countless lives.

GTI has certainly lived up to their core values of integrity, mercy, empathy, and inclusion, as well as being an important partner for businesses across the region, such as Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Cherry Capital Airport.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Grand Traverse Industries on their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community. I wish them all continued success and I thank them for their hard work and compassion.

HONORING DR. MIGUEL BULEJE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Miguel Buleje is a respected educator and scholar with a distinguished career in higher education. As a professor in Florida’s Ninth Congressional District, he has made significant contributions to the field of computer sciences, cybersecurity, and technology management. His commitment

to academic excellence and student success has earned him recognition at the institutional and national levels. With over 10 years of teaching and research experience, he has mentored countless students and published multiple works that have elevated the body of knowledge. His academic background includes a Ph.D. in computer information sciences from Nova Southeastern University, a Master of Business Administration, a master’s in cybersecurity from Florida Institute of Technology, and a bachelor’s in computer engineering from Florida International University.

In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Buleje served as a board member for multiple non-profit organizations, including the National Society of Hispanic MBA’s (AKA: Prospanica), where he played a critical role in advancing the organization’s mission to “empower and enable Hispanic professionals to achieve their full educational, economic, and social potential.”

Through his leadership, the organization implemented initiatives that benefit the community with a vision to serve as a catalyst for Hispanics.

Dr. Buleje is also a seasoned technology consultant with experience as a digital transformation agent. In this capacity, he has advised organizations on technology strategies to safeguard their digital assets, optimize their infrastructure, and navigate the complexities of the technology landscape. His expertise is highly sought after and has been instrumental in helping organizations in Florida across multiple sectors, including defense, life sciences, simulation & training, and higher education.

In recognition of Dr. Buleje’s outstanding contributions to education, public service, and technology, it is fitting that his legacy be honored in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, ensuring that his work will continue to inspire and guide future generations.

CELEBRATING FORT PULASKI

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fort Pulaski Monument. Fort Pulaski is a symbol of resilience, innovation, and the enduring spirit of Coastal Georgia.

This fort, built to protect our young nation, is more than just a brick and mortar structure. It represents a turning point in American military history.

Its walls bore witness to the Civil War and the advent of rifled cannon technology, marking the end of traditional fortifications.

Fort Pulaski holds deep significance for Coastal Georgia as a beacon of our heritage, drawing visitors from across the country to experience its rich history, natural beauty, and the stories of those who fought to preserve the Union.

For the nation, it serves as a reminder of how far we have come, how innovation shapes our future, and how the preservation of such landmarks fosters a deeper understanding of our past.

Today, as we honor this milestone, let us reflect on the Fort’s legacy and recommit ourselves to preserving this piece of American history for generations to come.