

I would have opposed the End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phone Act, a shortsighted bill that seeks to eliminate access to affordable cell phones and broadband for low-income individuals and families. Currently the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline program provides subsidies for low-income families to obtain landline or wireless cell phones. This service is critical for people looking for jobs, children working on homework after school, and families scattered across the country who need to stay in touch. Under the End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phone Act, the Lifeline subsidy would only be available for landline phones. In our increasingly mobile economy, it is neither practical nor fair to force people to rely only on a landline phone. This bill would do nothing to level the playing field for those who need it most, and it would impede families who are trying to make ends meet and struggling to get ahead.

IN HONOR OF STANLEY LICKEY,  
SR.

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stanley Lickey, Sr., former Fire Chief of the Philomont Volunteer Fire Company Number 8, located in Loudoun County, Virginia.

A lifelong volunteer, Chief Lickey served dutifully for 32 years as Fire Chief, making him one of the longest continuously serving fire chiefs in the United States. He was instrumental in forming Loudoun County's Fire and Rescue Commission, whose mission was to create a county-wide fire and rescue system. Thanks to Chief Lickey's tireless efforts, today's system has become a model for career and volunteer cooperation.

He dedicated his life to serving his community and his enduring legacy is his willingness to lead by example, placing service to his neighbors in their time of greatest need above service to self.

Chief Lickey passed away at the age of 80 on May 27, 2016, surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues. Blessed to have been a grandfather and great-grandfather, he is survived by an extensive family who misses him greatly.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Fire Chief Stanley Lickey, Sr. and expressing gratitude for his life of service to our community.

RESTORATION TUESDAY: ALABAMA RULING ON VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIRING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today on Restoration Tuesday, I rise to draw attention to U.S. District Judge Richard Leon's egregious ruling on June 29, 2016 allowing U.S. elections officials to change proof-of-citizenship requirements on the federal voting registration form at the request of Alabama, Kansas, and Georgia and without public notice. This ruling marks yet another example in a long line of restrictive voting practices used to suppress the right of eligible voters under the guise of circumventing voter fraud. This ruling means residents of Kansas, Georgia and Alabama will have to prove they are U.S. citizens when registering to vote for federal elections without prior public notice. One of the missions of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission which implemented this new law is to help make voting easier and not harder for eligible voters. Enforcing a new law and process without notifying the public falls far short of that goal. Instead, the court has sanctioned yet another "solution" to a problem that doesn't exist.

This new proof of citizenship requirement joins the other restrictions efforts like photo ID laws, DMV closings, poll site closings—which put up barriers to voter access. Mr. Speaker, Alabama has a storied history of voter suppression, and Judge Richard Leon's ruling last week yet again underscores the importance of the need for federal preclearance for changes to voting practices and procedures that could have a discriminatory impact. Unfortunately, these stories continue to be far too common in states across the country.

As the 2016 Presidential Election cycle continues, it is critically important that we recognize and defend against any attempts to create modern day barriers to the ballot box, instead of making voting more difficult, we should be working to ensure that every American is able to exercise their constitutionally protected right. It is reprehensible that in 2016, many Americans continue to face barriers to the ballot box. Now, citizens in Alabama, Georgia and Kansas have to show proof of citizenship to register to vote. These states have not shown a propensity for voter fraud due to lack of citizenship. It is another example of overzealous election officials putting up barriers to voting. Such suppression must stop! Our democracy is built on the premise

that every citizen is able to have their voices heard and vote counted! No Vote, No Voice! America cannot and must not be silenced.

I continue to call upon Congress to pass and enact meaningful legislation that restores key protections under the Voting Rights Act. All who believe in our great democracy should fight to ensure a fair and inclusive election process for all. The time is always ripe to do what is right.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODGROVE  
HIGH SCHOOL

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the students of Woodgrove High School for their incredible determination in earning the Class 4A Wells Fargo Cup for academics. Formerly the Wachovia Cup, this prestigious award has been given to one academic and one athletic winner in each of the six enrollment classifications of the Virginia High School League (VHSL) since 1990. Throughout the year, schools across Virginia compete in 12 academic challenges, such as the scholastic bowl, creative writing, theater, forensics, debate, film festival, broadcast, newspaper, yearbook, and magazine. Woodgrove High School students especially proved themselves more than capable in the areas of film festival, forensics, yearbook and newspaper. This award signifies excellence, with the winner commonly referred to as the 'state champion of state champions'.

Coming from a family of educators, I truly appreciate the significance of this award. This is the first time that a Loudoun County school has been awarded this trophy, and I am sure that it will not be the last. It is therefore with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate the students of Woodgrove High School on their excellent achievement. I cannot emphasize how proud I am to be their representative in Congress.

Education is the cornerstone of American innovation and these students are championing their generation towards greater success. It is my hope that additional schools will follow the standard of academic excellence set by Woodgrove High School, and encourage their students to be the best that they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Woodgrove High School, its staff, and its students in making this result possible, and for setting a great example for others to follow. I wish them all continued success in the future.