

And there are other ways abridging or suppressing the right to vote, including:

1. Curtailing or eliminating early voting.
2. Ending same-day registration.
3. Not counting provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct on Election Day will not count.
4. Eliminating adolescent pre-registration.
5. Shortening poll hours.
6. Lessening the standards governing voter challenges thus allowing self-proclaimed "ballot security vigilantes" like the King Street Patriots to cause trouble at the polls.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, the 53rd anniversary of the landmark Voting Rights Act signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965, I call upon House Speaker RYAN to bring legislation intended to protect the right to vote of all Americans to the floor for debate and vote.

Specifically, I call for the passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, (H.R. 2978) of which I am an original co-sponsor, which repairs the damage done to the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court's Shelby decision.

This legislation provides even greater federal oversight of jurisdictions which have a history of voter suppression and protects vulnerable communities from discriminatory voting practices.

Mr. Speaker, before concluding there is one other point I would like to stress.

In his address to the nation before signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, President Johnson said:

Presidents and Congresses, laws and lawsuits can open the doors to the polling places and open the doors to the wondrous rewards which await the wise use of the ballot.

But only the individual Negro, and all others who have been denied the right to vote, can really walk through those doors, and can use that right, and can transform the vote into an instrument of justice and fulfillment.

In other words, political power—and the justice, opportunity, inclusion, and fulfillment it provides—comes not from the right to vote but in the exercise of that right.

And that means it is the civic obligation of every citizen to both register and vote in every election, state and local as well as federal.

Because if we can register and vote, but fail to do so, we are guilty of voluntary voter suppression, the most effective method of disenfranchisement ever devised.

And in recent years, Americans have not been doing a very good job of exercising our civic responsibility to register, vote, and make their voices heard.

Mr. Speaker, for millions of Americans, the right to vote protected by the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is 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.

So on this 53rd anniversary of that landmark law, let us rededicate ourselves to honoring those who won for us this precious right by remaining vigilant and fighting against both the efforts of others to abridge or suppress the right to vote and our own apathy in exercising this sacred right.

TRIBUTE TO UNION COUNTY ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Union County ISU Extension and Outreach in Creston, Iowa on their 100-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Southwest Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed into the Morrill Act, which established land-grant university systems. Extension and Outreach engaged farmers and homemakers to improve seeds, farming, and home practices. ISU Extension and Outreach now focuses on four main topics, ag and natural resources, health and well-being, economic development, and youth and 4-H outreach opportunities.

Throughout its many years of service, ISU Extension and Outreach has successfully met the needs of Southwest Iowa by providing excellent education for youth through 4-H and adults with necessary services to the communities. I congratulate Union County Extension on this historic anniversary and it is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. FERNANDO "FRED" C. MACHADO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise alongside Representative JIM COSTA and Representative DEVIN NUNES to recognize the life and public service of Fernando "Fred" C. Machado, a farmer, military veteran, and long-time advocate of California agriculture.

Mr. Fred Machado was born on March 4, 1932 and emigrated with his family from the Azores Islands of Portugal to the United States at the age of sixteen. Fred's parents, Joe F. and Margaret C. Machado, had seven children of which, Fred was the oldest. Growing up, Fred worked various farm jobs such as milking cows, driving trucks, picking cotton, and harvesting grapes.

At the age of nineteen, Fred joined the United States Navy and served aboard the USS *Montague* AKA 98 during the Korean Conflict. While in the military, he saved enough money to buy a car and a used tractor, and leased twenty-five acres. He realized his life-long ambition, to be a farmer, in 1956 when he bought his first forty acres. In 1957, he married his wife, Maxine Finney, and in 1970 expanded his personal farming operation to include a fifty-head Holstein dairy that grew over the years.

Mr. Machado joined the Fresno County Farm Bureau in 1957. In 1960, he attended an Easton Center meeting and became Vice Chairman. From there, Machado climbed the ranks, eventually serving as Fresno County Farm Bureau President from 1972 to 1974.

Mr. Machado was a major presence on agricultural boards and committees for decades throughout Fresno County and California. He served on the board of directors of the National Milk Producers Federation, Challenge Daily, Danish Creamery, and Ag One Foundation. Mr. Machado served three years on the Big Fresno Fair Board, appointed by President Ronald Reagan. In 1985, Frank Machado received Distinguished Service Awards from both the California Farm Bureau, as well as the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Although dedicated to Central Valley agriculture, Fred Machado loved spending time with his family, especially his wife. Together, the couple have traveled to twenty-seven countries, and all fifty states. According to Fred, his most memorable trip was to South Korea where he was awarded the South Korea Veterans Peace Medal by the Ambassador of South Korea.

Sadly, on Monday, July 9, 2018, Fred Machado passed away. Although he left us too soon, Fred made a lasting, positive impact on the people he met. Fred is survived by his wife Maxine, their three children, and six grandchildren. Fred Machado left his community of Fresno County a far richer place, and for that we are blessed. He was a loving husband, caring father, agricultural champion, and military veteran. There is no doubt he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Fernando "Fred" C. Machado. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL BEST BUDDIES RECEIVES PRES- TIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seven Lakes High School Chapter of Best Buddies for receiving numerous awards at the 2018 Best Buddies International Leadership Conference.

Best Buddies, an organization of over 2,500 chapters worldwide, seeks to positively impact the lives of over 1.2 million people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Seven Lakes High School Chapter of Best Buddies received the Overall Outstanding High School Chapter Internationally Award, the Outstanding High School Chapter in Texas Award, the National Pacesetter Award and was honored for being one of the top fundraising chapters in the entire United States. After Hurricane Harvey, members of Best Buddies helped deliver meals to families displaced by flooding. They also participated in Troopons, a program that allows active military families use coupons for up to six months after their expiration date, and were able to donate almost \$35,000 worth of coupons to the program.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Seven Lakes High School chapter of Best Buddies. I thank them for their commitment to serving our Katy community.

HONORING CHIEF STEPHEN
POTTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa's retiring Chief of Police, Stephen Potter, for his lifelong dedication to public service to our community.

Chief Potter was born and raised in Napa, California. In 1980, he received an Associate of Science in Law Enforcement from Napa Valley College. In 2007, he returned to school and graduated from Union Institute & University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Management.

Chief Potter has been an integral member of Napa's law enforcement community since he began his career as a Deputy Sheriff at the Napa County Sheriff's Department in 1981. He served as a Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, Deputy Coroner, Investigator, SWAT Team member and Narcotic Investigator. In 1987, Chief Potter joined the Napa Police Department, where he became known for his communication and problem solving skills. He became the Chief of Police for Napa in 2015. During his time at the Police Department, he has worked tirelessly to serve our community through public safety.

Chief Potter has been active in our community outside of his official duties. He was a basketball and baseball coach and has been a mentor to countless young adults throughout the years. He has stayed in contact with many of his mentees and continues to offer advice and provide guidance.

Chief Potter is an essential part of many community organizations. He is a Board Member of Leadership Napa Valley, Napa Emergency Women's Services, Puertas Abiertas, Napa County Hispanic Network and is an Honorary Board Member of Napa Police Historical Society. Chief Potter is an Associate Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the California Police Chiefs Association, and a member of the California Police Officers Association, Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Napa Sunrise.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to call Chief Stephen Potter my friend and he is a kind and caring person who is devoted to our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MR. PAUL NOVACK

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to honor an extraordinary citizen of our South Florida community, Paul Novack.

Hailing from Miami-Dade County, Paul has served as a tireless advocate and public servant for those who call our slice of paradise their home.

A proud graduate of my alma mater, the University of Miami (Go Canes!), Paul served as student body President among many other leadership roles. Following his undergraduate

degree, Paul enrolled in Nova Southeastern University, where he earned his Juris Doctorate.

Upon completion of his law degree, Paul began his journey to what became an extraordinary legal career, representing thousands of clients and litigating numerous cases across multiple legal subjects.

In 2016, Paul was honored by the Dade County Bar Association for significant contributions in providing access to justice; an honor that is well deserved.

In addition, Paul answered the Town of Surfside's call to service, serving six terms as Town Commissioner and subsequently Mayor. During his tenure as Mayor, Paul worked to author and reform township ethics rules, and led the town to 12 consecutive balanced budgets.

However, Paul's commitment to public service didn't stop there. In addition to his roles in public office, he has also held officer postings in our armed forces auxiliary; a Flotilla Staff Officer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Paul's countless hours of service and dedication to our community. I thank him for his years of dedicated service, and wish him the very best in the years to come.

Gracias (thank you) Paul.

ASSYRIAN MARTYR'S DAY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Assyrian Martyr's Day.

I stand with the Assyrians in my community in commemorating this solemn day—the day the Iraqi army entered Simele and its surrounding areas and massacred thousands of men, women, and children.

We must never forget this horrific event and I hope one day we can erect a memorial in Simele for the fallen.

We also recognize the 103rd anniversary of the Ottoman genocide against the Assyrians and others that began in 1915. I will continue pushing for global recognition of this genocide.

Despite tragedies of the past, the Assyrian people have shown an unparalleled resolve to build a better and brighter future.

Earlier this year, I introduced the Nineveh Plain Restoration Act in Congress to support the swift rehabilitation of the Nineveh Plain in the wake of war and violence. We must ensure Assyrians have a home and a future in their ancestral homeland, and I will continue to prioritize this.

Although we cannot change the past, I look forward to working with those in my community to build a strong and vibrant future for Assyrians here in America and around the world.

I urge my colleagues to stand together with me in remembering those who lost their lives. May their memories continue to be with us.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH R. GILLIAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vietnam War Veteran Joseph R. Gilliam.

Mr. Gilliam served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1969, and saw action in the Tay-Ming Province of Vietnam.

There he served as an Armored Track Commander and as the Second Section Sergeant with the 25th Infantry Division.

Mr. Gilliam earned a number of distinctions while serving, including a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service and a Purple Heart for injuries sustained when his Armored Personnel Carrier struck an Improvised Explosive Device.

We as a Nation owe Mr. Gilliam a great debt of gratitude for his service and sacrifice. It is brave men and women like him that enable us to rest easily at night.

I'm honored to present Joseph R. Gilliam replacement medals for his service in Vietnam and for his sacrifice to our nation.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in remembrance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ushered in the nuclear age 73 years ago this week.

The atomic bombs that devastated Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 thankfully represent the only instances where the awesome destructive power of nuclear weapons were unleashed.

While it is true that the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki helped to bring a speedy and decisive end to the conflict in the Pacific theater during World War II, it is also true that devastation and carnage wrought by those explosions was a vivid reminder and compelling reason for the international community to work in concert to prevent the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

And for 73 years, the international community, led by the United States, has deterred every nation on earth from using nuclear weapons although it has been less successful in deterring several nation-states from developing their nuclear weapons capability.

So while we pause to remember the victims who perished in, and the lives that were saved by, the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is critically important that we take this moment to redouble our commitment towards nuclear nonproliferation and banishing the threat of nuclear annihilation from the earth.

Mr. Speaker, since 1945 preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology has been a pillar of the U.S.-led, rules-based international order that has brought an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity the United States and its allies in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific.

It is this commitment to nuclear non-proliferation that has led the United States to