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2021 DPCA Annual Global Meeting (May 14-16) Resolutions Adopted

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11	In Support of H.R. 40 and the Commission to Study U.S. Reparations – ADOPTED	12
15	Covid-19 Vaccinations for U.S. Veterans, Caregivers and their Families Abroad – ADOPTED	15
16	In Support of Medicare Portability – ADOPTED	16
21	To Condemn Recent Anti-Transgender Legislation and to Support Passage of the Equality Act – ADOPTED as amended	19
23	In Support of Non-Citizen Service Members, their Families, Deported Veterans and H.R. 1182: the Veterans Deportation Prevention and Reform Act – ADOPTED	21
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7 **To Rename the Historic Edmund Pettus Bridge**
8 **for Congressman John R. Lewis**

9 **ADOPTED**

10 *Proposed by: Ken Sherman (DA Canada, DNC Member); Steve Nardi (DA Canada, Chair);*
11 *Lissette Wright (DA Canada, International Treasurer); Sue Alksnis (DA Canada, DPCA*
12 *Voting Rep, Global Progressive Caucus Co-Chair); Christina Skovsgaard (Chair, DA*
13 *Norway); and unanimously approved by Democrats Abroad Canada Board*
14 *Co-sponsors: listed below*

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16 **Whereas** the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama was the site of “Bloody Sunday”
17 on March 7, 1965, when more than 600 nonviolent protesters attempted to march from
18 Selma to Montgomery to affirm the right of African Americans to vote; and

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20 **Whereas** these protestors, led by the late John R. Lewis (deceased July 17, 2020) of the
21 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Hosea Williams of the Southern
22 Christian Leadership Conference, were attacked by Alabama state troopers and other
23 deputies armed with billy clubs, tear gas, and cattle prods; and

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25 **Whereas** John R. Lewis served for over 33 years in the U.S. House of Representatives,
26 where he was respected as the “conscience of Congress”; and

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28 **Whereas**, for many years, Congressman Lewis led annual marches across the Edmund
29 Pettus Bridge to celebrate the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and to bring
30 attention to the need for continued civil rights progress in the U.S.; and

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32 **Whereas** the Bridge has become a symbol of the power of nonviolent direct action, or, in
33 the words of Congressman Lewis, “good trouble”, for social change; and

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35 **Whereas** the Bridge is still named for a man who, though later elected to the U.S. Senate,
36 supported slavery, was a Confederate general, and served as Grand Dragon of the
37 Alabama Ku Klux Klan;

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39 **Therefore Be It Resolved** that Democrats Abroad calls upon the City of Selma, the State
40 of Alabama, and the U.S. National Park Service *to rename the historic Edmund Pettus*
41 *Bridge the “John R. Lewis Bridge”* to memorialize the life of Congressman John Lewis
42 and the 1960s civil rights movement; and

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44 **Be It Resolved** that this renaming effort be a global DA initiative and that Democrats
45 Abroad advocate for this name change where it would be most helpful, including during
46 our next DC Door-knock with Members of Congress and contacting the City of Selma
47 and the U.S. National Park Service;

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49 **Be It Further Resolved** that Democrats Abroad designate July 17, 2021 as “John Lewis
50 Global Voting Rights Day” on the anniversary of the Congressman’s death; and
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52 **Be It Finally Resolved** that Country Committees / Chapters of Democrats Abroad on
53 Saturday, July 17 sponsor a global “votercade” of actions (from picnics, phone banking,
54 letter writing, press events; and rallies at a local bridge) to promote the passage of
55 legislation: H.R.1 For the People Act, H.R.4 John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement
56 Act, George Floyd Justice and Policing Act and the DC Admission Act.

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58 *Co-sponsors: Austin Allaire (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Onélica Andrade (Vice Chair, DA*
59 *Belgium); Kim Antonsen (Chair, DA Panama); Kenton E. Barnes (Chair, DA Germany); John*
60 *Baumlin (Chair, DA Japan); Kendra Borgen (Chair, DA Netherlands); Julia Bryan (DPCA*
61 *International Chair, DA Czech Republic); Maya Buchanan (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Angela*
62 *Fobbs (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Germany); Matthew Goldman (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Belgium);*
63 *Tre' Shawn L. Griffin-Noordermeer (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Netherlands); Daniel James (Chair,*
64 *DA Spain); Adrienne Johnson (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Antar Keith (DPCA Voting Rep, DA*
65 *Germany); Candice Kerestan (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Germany); Inge Kjemtrup (DPCA Voting*
66 *Rep, DA UK); Aaron Kruse (DNC Member, DA China); Anya Leonhard (DPCA Voting Rep, DA*
67 *Germany); John Lindsay (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Wen-Wen Lindroth (Chair, DA UK);*
68 *Larry Pihl (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Mexico); Stephanie Randall (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK);*
69 *John Reardon (Chair, DA Argentina); Laura Rostowfske Reilly (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Spain);*
70 *Jonathan Roth (Chair, DA Norway); Caroline Ruchonnet (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Chesney*
71 *McKinley Severance (Chair, DA Denmark); Rajib Sengupta (Vice Chair, DA India); Suma*
72 *Shamanna (Chair, DA India); Ada Shen (DPCA Voting Rep, DA France); Joe Smallhoover*
73 *(International Counsel, DA France); Katie Solon (DNC Member, DA Germany); Monica*
74 *Tanouye (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Kathryn Tullos (Vice Chair, DA Spain); Josh Van der*
75 *Ploeg (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK); Christine Valverde (Chair, DA New Zealand); Elizabeth*
76 *Voss (Vice Chair DA Switzerland); Erin Watson (Chair 2019-2021, DA South Korea); Quaide*
77 *Williams (DPCA Voting Rep, DA Germany); Tasia Campbell (DPCA Voting Rep, DA UK).*

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