# 2021 DPCA Annual Global Meeting (May 14-16)

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To Rename the Historic Edmund Pettus Bridge
for Congressman John R. Lewis
ADOPTED
Proposed by: Ken Sherman (DA Canada, DNC Member); Steve Nardi (DA Canada, Chair);
Lissette Wright (DA Canada, International Treasurer); Sue Alksnis (DA Canada, DPCA
Voting Rep, Global Progressive Caucus Co-Chair); Christina Skovsgaard (Chair, DA
Norway); and unanimously approved by Democrats Abroad Canada Board
Co-sponsors: listed below
Whereas the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama was the site of “Bloody Sunday”on March 7, 1965, when more than 600 nonviolent protesters attempted to march from
Selma to Montgomery to affirm the right of African Americans to vote; and
Whereas these protestors, led by the late John R. Lewis (deceased July 17, 2020) of the
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Hosea Williams of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference, were attacked by Alabama state troopers and other
deputies armed with billy clubs, tear gas, and cattle prods; and
Whereas John R. Lewis served for over 33 years in the U.S. House of Representatives,
where he was respected as the “conscience of Congress”; and
Whereas, for many years, Congressman Lewis led annual marches across the Edmund
Pettus Bridge to celebrate the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and to bring
attention to the need for continued civil rights progress in the U.S.; and
Whereas the Bridge has become a symbol of the power of nonviolent direct action, or, in
the words of Congressman Lewis, “good trouble”, for social change; and
Whereas the Bridge is still named for a man who, though later elected to the U.S. Senate,
supported slavery, was a Confederate general, and served as Grand Dragon of the
Alabama Ku Klux Klan;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Democrats Abroad calls upon the City of Selma, the State
of Alabama, and the U.S. National Park Service to rename the historic Edmund Pettus
Bridge the “John R. Lewis Bridge” to memorialize the life of Congressman John Lewis
and the 1960s civil rights movement; and
Be It Resolved that this renaming effort be a global DA initiative and that Democrats
Abroad advocate for this name change where it would be most helpful, including during
our next DC Door-knock with Members of Congress and contacting the City of Selma
and the U.S. National Park Service;
Be It Further Resolved that Democrats Abroad designate July 17, 2021 as “John Lewis
Global Voting Rights Day” on the anniversary of the Congressman’s death; and
Be It Finally Resolved that Country Committees / Chapters of Democrats Abroad on Saturday, July 17 sponsor a global “votercade” of actions (from picnics, phone banking, letter writing, press events; and rallies at a local bridge) to promote the passage of legislation: H.R.1 For the People Act, H.R.4 John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, George Floyd Justice and Policing Act and the DC Admission Act.

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