

upon, and they will likely forgo those expenditures. Low income families will be hit the hardest as they are less likely to get nutrition they need from food alone, and nutritional supplements our key part of their maintaining the health and well-being.

And I would ask my colleagues to consider this: Administrative Order No. 346, if it is allowed to stand, sets a dangerous precedent for every legitimate business operating in Puerto Rico today. If the Congress fails to nullify this order, nothing will stand in the way of the Government of Puerto Rico from imposing similar regulatory regimens on every other industry on the Island, without any notice or debate, and it will become the incubator for this terrible policy to migrate to other states and territories who are looking to enhance revenues.

Much of what we do here in the Congress is to establish public policies to protect consumers from exploitive and predatory actions of unscrupulous manufacturers of products that economically harm our citizens.

We are confronted today by a desperate Puerto Rican Government who appears to have set aside its duty to responsibly enact public policies that are consistent with the regular order of commerce, particularly as it relates to nutritional supplements, and has embarked on a clearly exploitive and predatory path to fleece nutritional supplement manufacturers and penalize its own consumers in the process.

The Congress is now required to act to defend its own authority and regulatory framework for nutritional supplement products as administered by the FDA, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Justice. We must act in order to prevent this exploitive and predatory action by the Puerto Rican Government that will have the inevitable consequence of harming its own citizens.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in reluctant opposition to H.R. 5325, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017.

Although I support most of the programs and services this bill helps to fund including the Capitol Police, the independent budgetary and economic analysis of the Congressional Budget Office and the nonpartisan oversight work of the Government Accountability Office, as well as the language to stop this year's COLA for Congress, I must oppose the bill on the grounds that it has become a vehicle for the House Majority to advance an ideological agenda.

Funding in the bill has been used to finance the Benghazi Committee, to defend the misnamed "Defense of Marriage Act," to sue the President over the Affordable Care Act and to

fund the witch hunt against Planned Parenthood. Now the Majority wants to use this appropriations bill to order the Library of Congress to use politically charged terminology to refer to classes of people in the United States.

It is unfortunate that the Majority has chosen to play politics with this appropriations bill instead of devoting the time to shaping policies that actually serve the country.

REMEMBERING NOPD OFFICER NATASHA HUNTER

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Natasha Hunter, a 12-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department. Officer Hunter embodied every quality you could dream of in a public servant. To her, being a police officer was more than just a job. It was an opportunity to help people when they had a problem, console them through a tough time, and inspire them to be something greater than they ever thought they could be.

Impactful police work is more than protecting and serving. It is becoming part of the fabric of the community, and few officers are as deeply woven into the city of New Orleans as Officer Hunter. She was a hero, taken from us and her family far too early by an avoidable tragedy.

On June 5, 2016 Officer Hunter sustained grave injuries from being struck by a drunk driver while in her police unit. Two days later on June 7, she succumbed to her injuries and passed away.

This loss hits especially hard because a 5-year old girl has just lost her mother. A mother that loved her, provided for her, and did her best to make the community she grew up in safe.

I share in the pain that the city has endured since her passing and I will always remember Officer Hunter's gallant sacrifice and unconquerable dedication every time she put on her uniform. My deepest condolences and prayers are with Officer Hunter's family, her fellow officers, but especially her young daughter Jasmine. Your mother will always protect you as she has protected all of us her entire career.

IN HONOR OF CARL E. FITCHETT JR.

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to seek to honor the life of Carl E. Fitchett, Jr., who passed away May 29, 2016 in Smithfield, North Carolina at the age of 93.

Mr. Fitchett had a fierce passion for serving his community, as made apparent through his past roles as director of the N.C. Oil Jobbers Association, president of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, and Commander of the American Legion. He also served as president of the Dunn Rotary Club which awarded him the

Man of the Year award in 1958, and was a deacon, elder, and trustee at First Presbyterian Church of Dunn. In addition to his volunteer leadership roles in the Dunn community, Carl served in World War II and owned and operated Fitchett Oil Co., retiring in 1991.

Mr. Fitchett is survived by his wife, Vivian; two children, Carl and Vivian; and four grandchildren, Duncan, Margaret, Austin and Katherine.

Carl Fitchett, like so many of our community leaders, sacrificed time to better the lives of those around him. He spent his entire life helping those in Harnett County, and we are forever indebted to him for his dedication in serving the local community, especially his hometown of Dunn. He truly embodied the role of the local hero.

NEED TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED MINORITY COMMUNITIES

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, in light of the myriad of issues facing Americans living in poverty, I am disappointed that my Republican colleagues chose a drug treatment center as the location to unveil their anti-poverty proposal last week. Assuming the poor are more prone to impulsivity and addiction ignores the reality that poverty is often the result of a constellation of compounding difficulties that are exacerbated by poor access to healthcare and our nation's historic disinvestment in public health. Today, I am here to highlight the impact these complications have on my most vulnerable constituents and the role we all play in addressing them.

The harsh disparities faced by my constituents in Alabama's Black Belt intersect at the nexus of poverty, demographics, and geographic access.

Women in certain parts of my district have to drive to distant counties, sometimes two hours, to give birth to their babies. Folks in Choctaw County, Alabama have to travel over 100 miles to the closest full-service urban hospital or to see a specialist. In 6 of the 14 counties I represent, there are fewer than 5 primary care physicians, county-wide.

The prostate cancer death rate in Alabama for black men was triple that of white men from 2000 to 2010. For all cancers, the mortality rate among blacks was more than double that of the white population during the same time period.

There are many settings that would have better told the story of struggling Americans than an addiction treatment center. An emergency room in a rural hospital in my district would have been a great place to start.

In this setting, the group would meet the working Alabamians who fall into our state's Medicaid gap. With the lowest Medicaid eligibility cap in the country, the working poor are left with no option for affordable health coverage.

Because of financial constraints, these individuals ignore small health care concerns until they compound to make for an emergency situation, which can only be addressed in the expensive setting of an emergency room. There

are many who leave the emergency room less able to work and provide for their families because of the long-term impact of allowing untreated health issues to compound.

In addition to severe access issues, generations of men and women in Alabama's 7th District have been negatively impacted by the tortured legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. While I applaud decisions to provide medical benefits to the family members infected, and the apology issued by President Clinton in 1997, these actions only began to address the damage this 40 year experiment had on our most vulnerable communities.

There are decades of research that show that minorities often do not seek treatment for conditions because of distrust of health care providers regarding diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. The mistrust the Tuskegee study generated interferes with attempts to combat HIV/AIDS, sickle cell anemia, uterine fibroids, prostate cancer and a myriad of other conditions that disproportionately impact minority groups.

If we are serious about addressing health disparities in rural and underserved communities, we must start by working to restore the faith all of our constituents have in the medical establishment, particularly public health programs, vaccinations, and clinical trials. We should view this as an issue needing as much intervention as drug abuse and inner-city violence.

I was sent to Congress by one of the most underserved constituencies in the country to build upon programs that work and craft new proposals to reverse this cursed course. I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen the Medicare and Medicaid programs, invest in health education and medical research, and incentivize providers to practice in rural and underserved communities.

RECOGNIZING BLUE MONDAY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MEN'S HEALTH

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on Blue Monday, to bring awareness to the health issues faced by men across the country.

The importance of striving for a healthy society is something we can all agree on. Despite the fact that one in seven men will be affected by prostate cancer, men's health doesn't always receive the attention it deserves. Men are more at risk for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, depression, and many more illnesses, yet nearly one in ten have not seen a physician in more than five years, and as many as 70 percent have waist sizes exceeding healthy standards. These issues affect not only men, but our whole families, and we should all work together toward healthier lifestyles.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the Men's Health Foundation in Southeast Michigan in helping men take steps to better health. Blue Monday kicks off International Men's Health Week which provides important educational opportunities to increase awareness for detection and prevention of the diseases that kill millions of our fathers, husbands,

brothers, and sons each year. I would encourage all men to celebrate Blue Monday by getting screened, exercising, and eating right to help reduce the risk of prostate cancer and other diseases.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Michael Lutz for his efforts to address men's health issues in our community and wish everyone a happy Blue Monday.

HONORING EDNA BEVERLY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Edna Beverly.

Mrs. Beverly was born on a plantation in Sidon, Mississippi to the late Roosevelt and Betsy Oliver. Mrs. Beverly had to go to the field with her grandparents (the late Albert and Emma Oliver) and parents, where they were sharecroppers earning \$5 a week. She had to stay near the water truck because she was young. She would not be afraid because she could see and hear them singing spirituals, until they were out of site. She would then be there alone for hours until they returned. Her parents and grandparents encouraged her to do and be the best that she could be.

Mrs. Beverly attended elementary school on the plantation at St. John Baptist Church Elementary. The school consisted of only one classroom.

Her family decided to relocate to Chicago, Illinois when she was only 12 years old. Mrs. Beverly attended Marshall High School and Taylor Business Institute in Chicago, where she graduated with honors receiving a degree in Computerized Accounting.

She accepted her call to the Ministry in 1991, obtained her license in 1995 and was ordained in 1996.

Mrs. Beverly worked with the youth department, teaching Sunday School, Bible Study, and spiritual songs for many years.

She later moved to Ruleville, Mississippi in 2001, and married Mr. Marvin Beverly, who was a school teacher at Ruleville Central High School. They were happily married until his death in 2005.

She worked for several years as a remedial reading tutor at Ruleville Central Elementary School serving 437 students.

Mrs. Beverly has received several awards: a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Haley Barbour; AmeriCorp Leadership Community Service; and Congressional Community Service.

She became the first black City Clerk/Tax Collector for the City of Ruleville in 2005.

Mrs. Beverly's greatest passion is her Ministry and her love for children. She is currently serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and assisting her Pastor, Rev. Claude Raine, at Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Ruleville.

Mrs. Beverly is the proud mother of four wonderful children, the grandmother of ten amazing grandchildren, and the great grandmother of one.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Edna Beverly for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DANCE WEEK FOUNDATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many individuals and organizations strive to bring awareness, enlightenment and entertainment to our community through culture and dance; and

Whereas, The National Dance Week Foundation was formed in 1981 to bring greater recognition to dance; giving us a unique opportunity for our nation to showcase the different musicians, writers, producers, promoters, performers and dancers who have contributed to making Dance a heavyweight in the industry of entertainment around the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the kickoff of National Dance Week in the Fourth Congressional District by witnessing performers showcase Dance to our community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Susan Winfrey Dupar of Covington, Georgia serves as an Ambassador for the National Dance Week Foundation, is promoting and instructing the young and old in dancing, she is giving of herself to make a difference in the lives of others. Our beloved District has found a jewel in the art of dancing, it promotes fun fitness and dance touches the minds and souls of untold millions; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in times of joy and sorrow through dance; putting rhythm in our feet, adrenalin in our blood and pizzazz in our spirits; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the gift of Dance as a unique and wonderful cultural contribution to our District, the Nation and the world; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016 as National Dance Week Foundation Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of April, 2016.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RALPH KETNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Ralph Ketner, co-founder of the grocery store chain Food Lion, who passed away at the age of 95 on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ketner family as they mourn the loss of this great man.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Mr. Ketner learned early on the value of a hard day's work, receiving a single penny for each chicken he plucked at his family's house. While it was far from glorious work, that never bothered Mr. Ketner and he used the lessons from those early days to launch one of the most successful grocery store chains in the country. In 1957, Ralph Ketner opened the first Food Town store in Salisbury, North Carolina. When the store initially opened, it struggled to differentiate itself from the competition