

OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND PATIENT SAFETY ACT, H.R. 6082, AND IMD CARE ACT, H.R. 5797

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, today I was unable to vote for two important bills that add to the House's ongoing efforts to combat the opioid and substance abuse crisis in America. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, to align 42 CFR Part 2 with HIPAA privacy regulations, allowing doctors to provide the best medical care for patients who suffer from the crippling disease that is substance use disorder. Doctors cannot treat a whole patient with half a medical record. I would also have voted Yes on the IMD Care Act, H.R. 5797 to expand treatment options for patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather conditions, my flight from Columbus, OH to Washington, D.C. was canceled and I was unable to arrive in time for 6:30 p.m. votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and YEA on Roll Call No. 271.

HONORING THE IOVANNE FAMILY AND FUNERAL HOME ON 90 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a warm heart that I rise today to congratulate the Iovanne family on the 90th Anniversary of Iovanne Funeral Home—a remarkable milestone for this New Haven institution. Now run by the third generation of the family and located in the heart of Wooster Square, the neighborhood of my own childhood, Iovanne's is a bedrock of our community.

Founded in 1928 by E. William Iovanne and his wife, Angelina, the Iovanne Funeral Home was established in a time when wakes and funerals were held in family homes. As time passed and traditions changed, they found a new home at 11 Wooster Place where they continue to operate today. With the unexpected passing of his father, Bill Sr. took the helm of the family business and has served his profession with honor and distinction for more than forty years. Today, Bill Iovanne, Jr., better known in the neighborhood as simply Billy, is the family's third generation to serve as President. Having learned at the feet of his grandmother and father, Billy keeps his grandparents' original motto of "always treat a per-

son the way you want them to treat you" close at heart as he and his staff help guide families through the loss of those closest to them.

The Wooster Square neighborhood has always been the heart of New Haven's Italian-American community and is home to many iconic businesses and cultural institutions—Sally's and Pepe's Pizza, St. Michael's Church, Columbus Park, Libby's, the St. Andrew's Society, the Santa Maria Maddalena Society, and, of course, Iovanne's. Each has played a role in the community's rich history and continue to help shape its future. The Iovanne family, particularly Bill Sr. and Billy, are not only neighborhood business owners, they are dedicated and devoted members of the community. They have both long devoted their time and energies to ensuring the preservation of the Wooster Square neighborhood and its Italian-American roots. That is why they were honored by the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade Committee in 2012 as that year's Grand Marshalls.

There are few that families trust more with the final celebration of life for their loved ones than the Iovannes. There are no words of thanks for the care and compassion they provide to their clients during that most difficult time. Indeed, when I lost my own mother, Luisa, last year, there was no question as to who I would entrust with her final arrangements. I have known the Iovanne family my entire life and am fortunate to call them family. It is my great honor to have the opportunity to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bill Iovanne, Sr., Bill Iovanne, Jr. and the entire Iovanne family as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GERTRUDE AND FRED MATTHIES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gertrude and Fred Matthies of Walnut, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 75th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 7, 1943 at the Catholic parsonage in Avoca, Iowa.

Gertrude and Fred's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 75th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 75th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF COACH JACK M. POWELL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man of purpose, sincerity,

and high character, Coach Jack M. Powell. Sadly, Coach Powell passed away on May 12, 2018. His funeral services were held on Saturday, May 19, at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church of Eufaula in Eufaula, Alabama.

The Andalusia, Alabama native was born on March 20, 1922, to the union of George Bennie and Lilla Lawson Powell as one of ten children. A graduate of Pleasant Home High School of Andalusia, Coach played basketball in the state tournament for three years before going on to play basketball at Auburn University.

Jack was a highly respected coach who also served as an educator for 40 years while at Lockhart and Eufaula High Schools (1947–1966); Livingston University (1966–1972), and Sparks State Technical College, in Eufaula, Alabama (from 1972 until his retirement). Highlights of his remarkable coaching career include several "Coach of the Year" awards and Hall of Fame inductions; numerous district, area, regional, state, and all-star championships; and the establishment of the Tri-State Basketball Try-Out Clinic and Alabama's Junior Pro Basketball League.

He dedicated his life to helping others—especially our most precious resources—young people. He used the season of his life to help others reach their full potential. He was dedicated to his craft as both a teacher and a coach. Coach Powell was well respected by his peers, players, students, and colleagues. He knew that his life would be measured not by wins and losses on a sports field, but by the difference he made in the lives of his students and players.

Jack's faith inspired him to serve through virtually every segment of church life. He served as a Sunday School Teacher for more than 50 years (with his class at First Baptist Church of Eufaula being named after him) and a Sunday School Superintendent. He also served many years as a Deacon and was Chairman of the Deacon Board for 12 years. His walk as a devout Christian was the foundation of his life.

His greatest role in life was that of a dedicated husband to his late wife, Opal, and loving father to his two sons, Doyle and John.

While I did not know Jack personally, I know his son, John, the Executive Director of the American Peanut Shellers Association, which is based in Albany, Georgia. It has been said that the tree is known by the fruit it bears. If that is true, Coach Jack M. Powell was truly a fine and exemplary man, having molded and shaped the character of his devoted and loving son—John. John was a dutiful son and throughout his dad's life, especially in his sunset years, he truly honored his father as administered by the scriptures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and I, along with more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending condolences to his family, friends and loved ones. To "God Be the Glory" for the life of Coach Jack M. Powell for his contributions to the betterment of human-kind.

RECOGNIZING HAYLEY HULS, PAYTON PECKHAM, SARAH LITCHFIELD, AND JORDAN PECKHAM FOR THEIR 1A STATE TITLE IN THE 4X400 RELAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hayley Huls, Payton Peckham, Sarah Litchfield, and Jordan Peckham from Farmington High School, for earning the Class IA title for the Illinois State Championship in the 4x400 relay.

Hayley Huls, Payton Peckham, Sarah Litchfield, and Jordan Peckham took first in finals with a time of 4:02.92 to claim their title as state champions, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Farmington throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Hayley Huls, Payton Peckham, Sarah Litchfield, and Jordan Peckham on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

As early as 1700, the Dutch began settling — what is now known today as Bloomingdale, named after the town of Bloomingdale in Holland. In 1734, mineral resources were discovered in Bloomingdale by Cornelius Board. Board was shown the iron deposits by local natives near the Ringwood River by the Sterling Forest. After locating the ore, Board built the first ever small iron furnace in the region. German miners were brought over to work the mine. The mine would change hand two times, first to John and Uzal Ogden and Newark associates, and then to the American Iron Company. This company was London-based, bringing in immigrants from England.

Bloomingdale is most known for its important role it played in the Revolutionary War. One can find a plaque on the Federal Hill Historic Site that commemorates the Pompton Mutiny on Federal Hill in what is today Bloomingdale. On January 20, 1781, 200–300 Continental soldiers mutinied. Their plan was to march to Trenton to make their demands, which included complaints about food, clothing, and pay. General George Washington decided to make an example of these mutinous soldiers, and they were met by General

Howe's army on their way to Trenton. Although they were dealt with harshly, Washington did concede to their demands, admitting that there was a truth behind them.

The aforementioned mining activities in Bloomingdale increased in 1807 when Martin J. Ryerson purchased the mining area from American Iron Company and greatly developed the area by building more furnaces and rolling mills. When he died in 1839, his grandson who shared his name, Martin J. Ryerson, continued the work. He further established the family name in the town by opening a company general store where the Bloomingdale Laundromat is today. A large portion of the store's produce came from the animals of the Ryerson farm, especially pigs. As a result, many "old timers" refer to this area of the town as "Porktown".

In April 1871, Ryerson continued to expand Bloomingdale's reputation by introducing the New Jersey Midland Railway to the town. The citizens happily celebrated the first train that came into the town. Bloomingdale did not become its own borough until February 23, 1918, when Pompton Township split up to create the three towns of Bloomingdale, Ringwood, and Wanaque.

After World War II, Bloomingdale constructed a housing duplex on borough-owned property to be sold to veterans. In order to honor the men from this region who went to war, a World War II Memorial was constructed by the Borough and the American Legion.

Bloomingdale today is a small town with about 8,000 residents, most of whom are of modest means who own their own homes and are employed by small local businesses. Bloomingdale is proud about its "American Small Town" history, as stated by Mayor Jonathon Dunleavy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Borough of Bloomingdale on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary.

PROVIDING RELIABLE OPTIONS FOR PATIENTS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, the opioid crisis is an epidemic that is impacting every community across the country. It is a crisis that is getting worse and worse.

The chances are that everyone knows someone who has been personally affected—wrestling with addiction, providing support to a loved one in recovery, or simply offering comfort to a friend who may be dealing with loss.

For the second consecutive year, American life expectancy has actually declined. Opioid-related overdoses caused more than 33,000 deaths in 2015 and more than 40,000 in 2016.

It's no coincidence that most people are just prescribed opioids to manage their pain even though the government will also pay for hundreds of medical devices, physical therapy and non-opioid medications.

The fact is many people and providers simply aren't aware of other, equally effective

therapies like medical devices, non-opioid medications and physical therapy. We need to change that.

That's why I authored the Medicare CHOICE Act with my colleague Representative KIND. It which is one of the bills in this package H.R. 5775, the PROPER Act.

The CHOICE Act will require Part D drug plans to inform seniors about other, non-addictive pain management therapies that Medicare covers so that when they get injured or have some other type of pain, they will be able to ask their doctor the right questions to make sure that they receive the most effective and least harmful pain management therapy.

Education is important and can be an effective tool for providers and can help make a difference in the fight against opioid addiction.

Representatives BLACK, O'HALLERAN and CROWLEY also have an initiative included in the PROPER Act package to educate seniors about ways they should safely dispose of unused opioids and how providers should take into account the whole patient when discussing pain. I thank them for their important work.

This package has strong bipartisan support and I want to thank my colleagues for working together to get these initiatives moving for action on the House floor.

It will make a difference in addressing an epidemic that continues to bring tragedy and sadness to so many families.

Madam Speaker, I am glad that we are taking action to educate seniors on their alternative pain management therapies, how they can safely get rid of unused opioids, and how providers should look at the whole patient when delivering advice for pain management.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA CARTER'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Linda Carter for her outstanding career in public education. Ms. Carter has served the city of Ann Arbor and its young people well through her work with the Ann Arbor Educators Association.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with two music education degrees, Ms. Carter started a career in Ann Arbor Public Schools. She has taught in every Ann Arbor middle school and most of the elementary schools and took a deep interest in engaging with students, parents and faculty during this time. As a teacher, she catered to the needs of each individual student and helped them achieve success in her class. After years of teaching, Ms. Carter was named vice president of the Ann Arbor Educators Association in 1990 and became president in 1992. Through her work, she has bettered the lives of countless educators.

The Ann Arbor Educators Association represents the educators, administrators and support professionals who work in the Ann Arbor Public School District. As president of the union, Ms. Carter serves as a voice for teachers throughout the district. From negotiating contracts to hosting board meetings, she is a