

center. He and his partner formulated a plan for and conducted a full scale exercise for the emergency evacuation of the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. This has become the basis for the National Sheriff's Associations class for the emergency evacuation of jails. The American Jail Association named him the association's volunteer of the year in 2005. The Fairfax County Board designated March 25, 2014 Richard Raines Day in recognition of his service to the county.

Special Gratitude Award: Earl Flanagan: Earl Flanagan has been active in our community for decades. He has served as Mount Vernon District representative to the Fairfax County Planning Commission and Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission. Earl has served as President of the Riverside Estates Civic Association and of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, and on the boards of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. A World War II veteran and former Air Force Officer, Earl served in General Patton's 3rd Army and later in Korea. He currently serves as the President of the 71st Infantry Division Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TONI ELLISON

#### HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Toni Ellison, who passed away on June 16, 2018.

Toni was born and raised in Stockton, California, where she attended Franklin High School and graduated in 1988. After high school, she worked in a number of fields, from technology to early childhood education. Supporting the young members of the community was her passion.

She was an active participant and volunteer as a Co-Youth Advisor with the NAACP Youth Council, and worked as a Case Worker for Head Start of San Joaquin County. She took great pride and joy in giving back to her community, and ensuring that children received a quality education. Toni was a dynamic member of many community churches, where she became known as "Coach Toni" and the first "B.O.S.S. the Movement" trainer in northern California.

After being diagnosed with cancer in 2013, she began to take courses to become a certified holistic health coach and was inspired to someday create her own wellness charity to

promote natural and integral health for the body.

Toni dedicated her life to the success and spiritual wellbeing of her community, friends, and family. Her legacy will undoubtedly continue to live on through those who knew and were inspired by her.

#### IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5002 ACE RESEARCH ACT

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5002, the ACE Research Act.

It is undeniable that more money, resources, and research needs to go into solving the many addictions, diseases, and disorders that face our society today.

H.R. 5002 amends the Public Health Service Act by augmenting the National Institutes of Health's research initiatives, by introducing more critical research that will strengthen the understanding and yield cures to the myriad of health problems that are facing Americans today.

The ACE Research Act will provide the National Institutes of Health with the necessary authority, resources and support it needs to further research and increase the fundamental biological understanding of the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and disorders.

Additionally, the research initiatives undertaken by the National Institutes of Health may be supported through transactions other than contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements under the ACE Research Act.

The ACE Research Act will provide the National Institutes of Health with the measures to implement high impact, cutting-edge research necessary to combat public health threats.

Further, the National Institutes of Health will be able to partner with companies that have the technology and resources to administer this cutting-edge research.

The National Institutes of Health conducts tremendous, groundbreaking research that investigates the causes and remedies of diseases, addictions, ailments, and other public health areas for all people.

Moreover, the National Institutes of Health is the leading government agency that is responsible for essential public health and biomedical research, which helps Americans combat the health concerns that arise daily.

The ACE Research Act will support the National Institutes of Health's research initiatives in finding cures to the growing opioid addiction in America today.

Opioid addiction, which includes the overuse of illicit and prescription drugs, is taking the lives of Americans across our nation each day.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report cited 63,632 drug overdose deaths in 2016 in America, 42,249 of which were related to opioid overdoses.

In 2016, there were 1,375 opioid-related overdose deaths in Texas, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In the city of Houston, there were 364 drug-related overdose deaths alone that happened in 2016 according to the Treatment Center, a highly respected drug and alcohol addiction treatment service center.

Therefore, it is vital that research is done concerning drug abuse and addictions, as it has been a long-term problem in our society.

According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, addiction is "a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry."

Addiction is not a choice, a moral feeling, or a lack of will-power; it is a disease of the brain that requires proper treatment.

Addiction is a longstanding mental and physical illness that many Americans are facing today, leading to their lives being compromised, and in some cases even leading to their death.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is overseeing important research to respond to this epidemic, and this bill responds favorably to its request for more flexibility in conducting research on treatments for opioid addiction and other disease areas.

This research may lead to scientific advances that may find solutions to the opioid crisis, as well as solutions to other addictions and public health threats.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5002, which will expand the National Institutes of Health's research initiatives to include valuable research that will address the multitude of health concerns facing Americans today.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAVE MARKING OF ISAAC BERRY

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the grave marking of Isaac Berry at the Woodside Cemetery in Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Born in 1728, Isaac Berry was a landowner, farmer, merchant, constable, sea captain, and lawyer in Yarmouth, Massachusetts. He was elected as constable in 1774, where he had the unique opportunity to directly serve the townspeople of Yarmouth. In this position he was assigned to oversee that a limited amount of British tea was consumed in Yarmouth.

In 1778, Berry joined the Yarmouth militia during the American Revolution. Under the command of Lot Crowell, he responded to the Alarm at Falmouth and the Alarm at Dartmouth. During his time, he was also responsible for guarding the prisoners of the HMS Somerset after the ship sank in Cape Cod waters.

Isaac Berry married Sarah Crowell in 1751 and together they started a family. After living a long life dedicated to his community and country, he passed away in 1803 and was buried in Yarmouth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Isaac Berry and his contribution to the town of Yarmouth. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication on the event of his grave marking.

RECOGNIZING THE WASHINGTON  
REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS OF  
EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), and to congratulate the recipients of the 20th Annual Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award-winning, public-private coalition formed to fight drunk driving, drugged driving, and underage drinking in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Through educational and innovative public outreach programs, WRAP is credited with keeping local alcohol-related death rates consistently below the national average. Its programs educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. Through the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, individuals who are impaired can request a free cab ride home. Since SoberRide was launched in 1993, 65,385 free cab rides have been provided in the Washington Metropolitan area, preventing potential accidents and deaths.

In 1982, the year that WRAP was founded, 26,173 people in the United States lost their lives in alcohol-related car accidents, and 60 percent of all traffic fatalities involved drunk driving. Due to the tireless efforts of WRAP, other organizations such as MADD and SADD, local and state police, and enforcement of more stringent anti-drunk driving laws, considerable progress has been made in decreasing the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities, especially here in the Washington Metropolitan Region. According to the Council of Governments, the number of alcohol-impaired fatalities, injuries, and crashes have all decreased since 2014. However, more work still remains as 32.75 percent of all traffic fatalities in the region in 2016 were alcohol or drug related.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2017 Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention recipients:

Officer Wesley Vitale, City of Alexandria Police Department

Master Police Officer Dimitrios Mastoras, Arlington County Police Department

Corporal Kevin Hedden, City of Falls Church Police Department

Officer Devin White, Fairfax County Police Department

Private First Class Eliezer Calo, Town of Herndon Police Department

Deputy John Chavez, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Trooper Dennis Moguche, Maryland State Police

Officer Derrick Ferguson, Metropolitan Police Department

Police Officer II Lawrence Caldwell, Montgomery County Department of Police

Police Officer III John Romack, Montgomery County Department of Police

Police Officer First Class Richard D. Carlson III, Prince George's County Police Department  
Officer Matthew Sciabica, Prince William County Police Department

Officer Benjamin Tomasiello, United States Park Police

Trooper Lucie Vajglova, Virginia State Police

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence and in recognizing WRAP for its 35 years of public service. I commend the staff of WRAP, under the leadership of President Kurt Erickson and Board Chairman Gary Cohen, for their tireless dedication to eradicating underage drinking and drunk or drugged driving. Their efforts, combined with the support of partner organizations and law enforcement agencies, have saved lives and are deserving of our highest praise and gratitude.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA AND  
STANLEY JOHNSON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Barbara and Stanley Johnson of Villisca, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 10, 2018.

Barbara and Stanley's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th 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 50th 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 REMEMBRANCE OF MELVIN T.  
BURGESS, SR.

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recall the excellent life of Melvin T. Burgess, Sr., who served his community in various capacities for 56 years and died June 28 at the age of 80. Mr. Burgess served for 33 years with the Memphis Police Department, the final two and a half years as Police Director. Mr. Burgess was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School after which he joined the U.S. Air Force. He was also a graduate of Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana. Mr. Burgess joined the Memphis Police Department on March 12, 1962, starting off in the Beale Street Precinct as a beat officer. He rose through the ranks, working in the juvenile, robbery, narcotics and homicide units be-

fore becoming an Inspector then Director in January 1992. As Director, he assumed the command of 1,448 commissioned officers. He ran for Shelby County Sheriff as a Democrat in 1998 but did not prevail. The following year, he began working as the second in command of the Tunica County Sheriffs Department during federal corruption probe and, when the sheriff under indictment pleaded guilty to extortion and resigned, Burgess ran the department for almost a year until a successor was elected. He was commended by one federal prosecutor for "coming in and righting the ship." He also worked as chief of security for Harrah's Casino in Tunica. Mr. Burgess was a true man of character and integrity whom I grew to know and admire while I was the legal advisor to the Memphis Police Department. I want to extend my condolences to his wife of 43 years, Johanna; his son Shelby County Commissioner Melvin Burgess II and his wife Sandra; his daughter Pamela Nelson; and his four grandchildren. Melvin Burgess always did the right thing. His was a life well-lived, and he will be missed.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5587 PEER  
SUPPORT COMMUNITIES OF RE-  
COVERY ACT

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5587, the Peer Support Communities of Recovery.

H.R. 5587 provides for the establishment of regional assistance centers to implement addiction recovery support services throughout an individual's treatment.

Everyday, over 100 people in the United States die from opioid related drug overdoses, while over 11.5 million people misuse prescription opioids.

In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report cited 63,632 drug overdose deaths in the U.S., with a linearly increasing trend.

In Texas, there were 1,375 opioid-related overdose deaths and within Houston alone, there were 364 drug-related overdose deaths that happened in 2016 according to the Treatment Center.

The U.S. is going through a serious drug abuse epidemic and the resources available for recovering addicts are currently limited in variability.

Peer support services are unique in that they allow for individuals with common experiences to share their stories of recovery with the people who might be seeking help.

Through self-help and shared support, people are able to offer strength and hope to their peers, which allows for personal growth, promotes wellness, and encourages recovery.

Examples of peer support include: peer mentoring or coaching; peer recovery resource connecting; recovery group facilitation; and community building.

In Houston, we have peer support programs that exist for both adults and youth through the Houston Health Department and Houston Recovery Center.

H.R. 5587 authorizes programs, similar to the ones that are having a positive impact in