

of an award-winning choir program at O.D. Wyatt High School where she graduated in 1982.

Fisher's lifelong commitment to gospel music was a beacon of light in the Fort Worth community. An accomplished singer, pianist and organist, Fisher was well known as a musician and leader across Dallas and Fort Worth. Alongside her leadership in several church choirs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth community, Fisher contributed to a deep history of gospel performance in African American churches.

Our community lost a talented musician, leader, and teacher in Avis Michelle Fisher which is why I would like to take this opportunity to honor her life and legacy in Fort Worth and extend my thoughts and prayers to all that have been impacted by her.

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REMEMBERING DR. GEORGE GEORGIEFF

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**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George Georgieff, an American veteran and well-known orthodontist from Orange County, California.

Born on November 15, 1931, Dr. Georgieff grew up in Clairton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. After graduating, Dr. Georgieff nobly served his country in the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant in the Weapons Specialist Division from 1954 to 1956. After returning to civilian life, Dr. Georgieff expanded his career by attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1961. Dr. Georgieff then earned a Certificate of Orthodontics in 1963 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Georgieff operated a private orthodontic practice from 1963 until 2012. In that time, Dr. Georgieff served more than 25,000 clients. Of that impressive client base, over 1,500 were surgical cases. Additionally, Dr. Georgieff was on staff at St. Joseph, a prestigious hospital in the City of Orange, from 1965 to 1984 as an oral surgery consultant and assistant in oral surgery procedures. A lifelong academic, Dr. Georgieff lectured on orthodontics across the United States, as well as in London, England; Sophia, Bulgaria; and Belgrade, Serbia on behalf of the American Association of Orthodontics.

In addition to his hands-on work in his practice, Dr. Georgieff also worked with various organizations to enhance the professional community of orthodontics in Orange County. Dr. Georgieff was a longtime member of the Orange County Dental Society, where he served as Program Director from 1970 to 1972 and the Press Relations Chairman in 1973.

Given his outstanding professional career, it is no surprise that Dr. Georgieff received numerous prestigious accolades. Dr. Georgieff became certified through the American Board of Orthodontics in 1977, becoming the second orthodontist in Orange County to earn this achievement. In 1981, Dr. Georgieff received the Man of the Year Award from the City of

Hope Foundation for outstanding service to the community. In 1984, Dr. Georgieff was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Most significantly, Dr. Georgieff was named the top provider of orthodontic treatment for children receiving "Denti-Cal" in the State of California.

Dr. Georgieff lived a rich and vibrant life filled with countless professional achievements and personal fulfillment. Dr. Georgieff is survived by his wife, Joyce, as well as his three children, Stephanie, Evan, and Adam, and two grandchildren, Olivia and Wesley. Dr. Georgieff will continue to be an inspiration, personally and professionally, to many. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Dr. George Georgieff.

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CONGRATULATING THE SALT BAY CHAMBERFEST ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Salt Bay Chamberfest on their 25th Anniversary Season.

Founded in 1994 by cellist Wilhelmina Smith, the festival has grown to international recognition. Giving voice to contemporary composers, the Chamberfest commissions and premieres new works as well as standard chamber music. Their mission to "produce chamber music of the top artistic quality" draws world-class talent to the unique setting of Darrows Barn at Round Top Farm.

I am proud of Salt Bay Chamberfest's commitment to Maine's Midcoast community through their education programs—from open rehearsals to the public and the Family Concert aimed at introducing classical music to future generations, to Pre-Concert Talks and OffTopic! lectures and demonstrations by individual musicians. Chamberfest strives to make music accessible to all ages and "broadens the horizons of its audience and the community."

The arts are essential and play a vital role in our state's quality of life. As our creative economy grows and receives national attention, I am pleased to recognize Salt Bay Chamberfest as an exceptional example of how the arts can enliven and inspire a community.

Bravo.

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SAFE FROM THE START ACT OF 2019

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**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Safe from the Start Act of 2019. This bill will reduce incidences of gender-based violence (GBV); ensure quality services for survivors from the very onset of emergencies through timely and effective humanitarian action; and promote

standards for prevention, mitigation and response to such crises.

The largest flow of refugees in recorded history are being forced from their home countries and their time spent displaced has increased from years to generations. Climate change continues to spur temporary and permanent displacement, as floods and fires destroy homes and livelihoods.

During times of crisis, GBV increases as chaos and tensions within households and communities grow. An estimated 1 in 5 women in conflict settings have experienced sexual violence, although numbers are likely higher given the barriers associated with disclosure. GBV is often used by armed actors as an intimidation tactic to exert power and control over the opposing side.

Gaps in services and humanitarian protection frameworks have made it difficult to adequately prevent GBV in humanitarian contexts and mitigate its impact. Humanitarian agencies are often underequipped to address GBV specifically or close gaps between services and accountability that have led directly to GBV, such as the exploitation of women in exchange for supplies by aid workers. To address this, the humanitarian donor community has begun investing in the building standards, guidelines, and capacities of humanitarian actors to better respond to the needs of women and girls in emergencies.

The Safe from the Start Act would support the State Department and USAID's ongoing work to protect and prevent violence against women and girls in humanitarian emergencies by codifying it, and providing Congressional oversight over its implementation.

I want to thank my colleagues, Representatives CHRIS STEWART, LOIS FRANKEL, MARIO DIAZ-BALART, and CRISSY HOULAHAN for leading this bill with me. I urge the rest of my colleagues to support this bill and look forward to its enactment.

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EXPANDING FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL OPIOID RESEARCH AND TREATMENT ACT

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SPEECH OF

**HON. TROY BALDERSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2019*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3153, the Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment, or EFFORT Act. This bill is of particular importance to me, as I represent an area that has been devastated by the opioid crisis over the past decade, and I am privileged to speak today on the important of this bill.

In my home state of Ohio, the rate of opioid-related deaths is more than double the national average. In this regard, Ohio ranks as one of the top-five states with the highest rates of opioid-related deaths. What's more alarming, however, is the rate at which the number of opioid overdoses have increased: twenty-eight percent from July 2016 through September 2017. That's barely more than a year during which opioid overdoses grew by nearly thirty percent. These statistics should terrify every parent, sibling, teacher, caregiver, and friend, because opioid addiction is not

confined to any one geographic, socio-economic, or other type of demographic. Rather, this epidemic is ravaging communities all around our country.

How did this epidemic start? Let's go back to 2012, when there were more opioid prescriptions in my home state of Ohio than there were people. Prescriptions to opioids were handed out like candy, and there was little-to-no regulation on these highly-addictive drugs. Someone could sustain a simple injury—say, to their knee or their back—perhaps even have surgery, and be prescribed highly-addictive opioids for their pain. With no oversight, Americans everywhere were slowly becoming addicted to these substances, with their tolerance levels increasing, therefore requiring them to take higher doses to experience the same level of pain relief. Of course, these drugs are not cheap. Often times, when the drugs become too costly or a prescription ran out, these now-addicted opioid users would turn to street drugs, such as heroin, to feed their addiction. In Ohio, four out of five heroin addicts began their drug use with prescription painkillers.

Often times, once an addiction starts, it's near impossible to break the cycle. Truly, the best way to treat addiction is to stop it before it even starts. Of course, we know now that opioid addiction is completely preventable, and fighting this growing epidemic will take the work of many committed groups. This multi-faceted crisis needs the support of police departments, communities, families and schools, government at all levels, and the medical and science communities. That's where the EFFORT Act comes in.

This critical piece of legislation will direct the National Science Foundation to study the effects of the opioid epidemic and will require this body to consult with the National Institute of Health—and vice versa—in their research of opioid addiction. I'm a firm believer that research is one of the most important tools in fighting illnesses like addiction. Of course, this is just one of many pieces in the vast puzzle of putting an end to the opioid epidemic. This bill is a step in the right direction, and we need to continue our efforts to fight this epidemic. I am proud to cosponsor the EFFORT Act, and I thank my colleague from Virginia, Congresswoman JENNIFER WEXTON for introducing this critical legislation. I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 3153 so our country can better prevent opioid addiction.

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RECOGNIZING CHIEF ANDREW LAVOIE

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**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Lavoie, Chief of the Nashua Police Department, for his service and leadership to the Department for 32 years, the last four and a half years as Chief.

Over the span of Chief Lavoie's career, he has taken on numerous roles within the Nashua Police Department, whether it was attacking the opioid crisis from the law enforcement perspective by making many arrests or standing with his community to protect and serve.

Chief Lavoie has been a leading and respected voice in the Granite State advocating for the Safe Station Program and forming the Nashua Community Conversations on Race and Justice, which have enhanced relationships between police and Nashua's diverse population amongst other accomplishments. I commend Chief Lavoie on his retirement after three decades of work in public service.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to Chief Andrew Lavoie for a well-deserved retirement. I thank him for his service and wish him the very best in the years to come.

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CELEBRATING THE ROBINSON  
WESTBROOKS FAMILY 109TH  
FAMILY REUNION

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**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Robinson Westbrooks family who will be celebrating their 109th family reunion in Los Angeles, California on August 16–18, 2019. Each year, the Robinson Westbrooks family gets together for the oldest ongoing registered family reunion in the United States.

It all started with Mr. John Bolin Robinson, Mrs. Dora Anne Westbrooks Robinson, and their youngest child, Leonard Wilbert Robinson, who all share a birthday of August 16.

Their coinciding birthdays led to the tradition of getting the family together every third Sunday in August to celebrate family unity and the blessings of God. The first official Robinson Westbrooks Family Reunion was held on August 16, 1910 in Eclectic, Alabama, making this year the 109th celebration.

The Robinson Westbrooks family makes the most out of their annual family gatherings throughout the United States. They are registered at the United States Library of Congress.

This year the family celebrates their oldest family members, Mrs. Queenie Elizabeth Thompson-Hunter, age 93, of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Clara Dora Thompson-Smith, age 92, of Detroit, Michigan, and Mr. Charlie Anderson Brown, age 96, of Eclectic, Alabama.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, I extend best wishes to the Westbrooks family. I hope this tradition continues for many years to come.

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HONORING CAPTAIN AARON  
HATTABAUGH AND OPERATION  
SENIOR SURPRISE

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**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Aaron Hattabaugh, a retired captain and B-52 navigator, for taking part in the longest combat mission in Air Force history.

On January 16, 1991, Captain Hattabaugh and fifty-six other airmen aboard seven B-52G

aircraft of the 596th Bombardment Squadron took off from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana on Operation Senior Surprise. However, those who took part named their mission Operation Secret Squirrel.

This was the United States' first move to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein. Using state of the art air launched cruise missiles, these brave airmen had one objective: to destroy Hussein's strategic assets in Iraq and Kuwait. Over the course of this mission, the aircraft destroyed nearly all of the targets and blinded the Iraqi military to our ground forces, in turn saving countless American lives. Incredibly, these aircraft completed four in-air refueling maneuvers and covered 14,000 nautical miles in under 36 hours.

This year marks the 28th anniversary of "Operation Secret Squirrel" and each year, those involved in this historic mission gather to remember their piece of history made. In the longest mission since the Doolittle Raids on Japan, these aviators carried out their mission with honor and bravery.

Madam Speaker, those who served on this mission displayed true endurance and dedication to country in their actions. It is my honor to recognize Captain Hattabaugh and the fifty-six others who took part in this critical mission.

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TRIBUTE TO MR. RANDY CORBIN,  
OWNER OF CORBIN COLONIAL  
CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME,  
“MAYOR OF MADISON STREET”

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**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of my constituents, and a personal friend, Mr. Randy Corbin who migrated from Arkansas, came to Chicago and established a business and lived a wonderfully productive life. Randy grew up in Gould, Arkansas, came to Chicago, attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Married his queen, Karen Kennedy and they raised four children, two sons Amell and Loren, two daughters Clarressa and Syreeta. He served in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1964. Randy started his career as a janitor at AA Rayner Funeral Home and worked his way through the ranks with successive promotions.

In 1977, Randy partnered with a friend, Luther Sparks and they started the Luther Sparks Funeral Home. Unfortunately, Mr. Sparks died and Randy became the sole proprietor and the rest became history. Randy built a successful business, was generously supportive of community activities. He started other business ventures, provided leadership to the community and earned the title, "Mayor of Madison Street". Randy was a member of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, a leadership member of the Boy Scouts of America, he sponsored local basketball teams and students pursuing education. He hosted school supply drives, donated volumes of supplies to youth and families throughout the years. He regularly donated to churches and let ministers use Corbin Chapel for services. He is survived by his wife Karen and their four children, his sister, fourteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.