

less than 40 percent of people with mental illness receiving any treatment.

These bills address this mental health care crisis.

H.R. 1646, the bipartisan HERO Act introduced by Rep. AMI BERA creates a data system at the CDC to capture public safety officer suicide incidences and study successful interventions, authorize grants for peer support behavioral health and wellness programs within fire departments and emergency medical service agencies. It also requires the development of best practices for addressing post-traumatic stress disorder in public safety officers and educational materials.

H.R. 4564, the bipartisan Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2019 introduced by Reps. KATKO, BEYER, and NAPOLITANO increases the authorization funding level of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline program to \$50 million each year, from FY 2020 through FY 2022. The bill also includes a pilot program to research, analyze, and employ various innovative technologies and platforms for suicide prevention.

H.R. 4585, the bipartisan Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, introduced by Reps. BEYER and GIANFORTE directs HHS to carry out a national suicide prevention media campaign to advertise the new 9–8–8 number.

Finally, H.R. 5619, the bipartisan Suicide Prevention Act, introduced by Reps. STEWART and MATSUI, establishes two grant programs to prevent self-harm and suicide.

Our health as a Nation, both physical and mental, will be tested in the months ahead. These bills will help people find the care and treatment they need and can save lives. I urge my colleagues to support these bipartisan bills.

#### RECOGNIZING CONWAY COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The 3 Brothers Farm as the 2020 Conway County Family Farm of the Year. The farm, located near Sardis, is run by brothers Lucas, Nicholas, and Josh Moore.

Nicholas and Lucas started farming together 20 years ago by raising cattle and conducting a custom hay baling operation while they attending Morrilton High School.

In 2013, the two brothers began their crop-rotation program after they acquired more land after their former employer, Randy Pettingill, retired.

Today, all three brothers raise a mixed breed of cattle using Black Angus bulls which they sell based on their sterling reputation and word-of-mouth sales. One day, they hope to open their own retail store stocked by their own beef.

I thank our farm families, whose contributions to our communities and state keep our economy strong while producing the best agricultural products in the country. Congratulations to the Moore Family for winning the 2020 Conway Family Farm of the year.

#### SCARLETT'S SUNSHINE ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2020*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2271, the Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act. I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill through my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor.

No family should suffer the death of a child without knowing why, yet over 400 children and 3,600 infants die each year from unexplained causes.

We honor these children today by passing the Scarlett's Sunshine Act, which provides funding to improve data collection and death scene investigations related to unexpected deaths and promotes safe sleep practices.

Because of the lack of a specific way to record sudden and unexplained deaths in children, it's impossible to know how widespread the problem is or to conduct more research into the potential causes.

The Scarlett's Sunshine Act addresses this problem by funding child death review teams and improvement to the CDC's National Review Case Reporting System.

The bill also provides resources for the promotion of evidence-based safe infant sleep which the American Association of Pediatricians say will clarify guidelines making them easier for parents to follow. I urge my colleagues to honor these lost children by supporting this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING SUZANNE HOGAN FOR HER WORK ON THE LI- BRARY OF CONGRESS' GERSHWIN PRIZE

### HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Suzanne Hogan and her contributions to the Library of Congress' Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. The Gershwin Prize celebrates the work of an artist whose career reflects lifetime achievement in promoting songs as a vehicle of musical expression and cultural understanding. Suzanne's dedication, leadership, and expertise were instrumental to the success of the Gershwin Prize during her tenure at the Library of Congress.

Suzanne was recognized by former Librarian of Congress, James Billington, for her ability to successfully facilitate relationships between the Library of Congress and the many stakeholders involved in supporting the Prize, as well as for developing and executing the move of the Gershwin Prize concert from the White House to Constitution Hall. This move highlighted the connection between the Prize and the Library's mission and work, which Suzanne is credited with strengthening over the course of her work on the Prize.

Suzanne's work on the Gershwin Prize was also recognized by former Deputy Librarian of

Congress, Robert Dizard, Jr., who credited her work as being an example for other projects undertaken by the Library of Congress. Deputy Librarian Dizard also attributed Suzanne's work strengthening the administration of the Gershwin Prize as influential to its sustainability for many years to come. Not only was Suzanne able to build up the Gershwin Prize within the Library itself, she was able to work alongside legal professionals, production agencies, artists, and others to elevate the prestige of the Prize and build a foundation for its future success.

Suzanne's work on the Gershwin Prizes embodies initiative, commitment, and excellence. Her thoughtful leadership in this endeavor, acknowledged and celebrated by her colleagues, is to be admired and emulated. I commend her for a job well done.

#### PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my concern regarding the ongoing deterioration of good governance in the Republic of Georgia. Recent reports indicate the Georgian government has undermined the Digital Silk Way, a digital communications project meant to transform the region's technological integration and increase independence from Russian and Iranian influence. In light of Russia and Iran's ongoing corruption and threats to international peace and stability, this matter is of strategic importance to American foreign policy.

While the Georgian government is an important ally of the United States, it has become increasingly hostile toward investors in Georgian infrastructure, which threatens critical projects in the region. Additionally, the administration's recent adoption of new taxes and bureaucratic barriers for Western businesses only serves to further undermine American companies' ability to operate within Georgia. I fear these changes to Georgian business practices risks increasing the nation's dependence on Russia and Iran.

As an aspiring NATO member and United States ally, Georgia must continue to remove itself from Russia and Iran's sphere of influence. By focusing on infrastructure projects that bypass American adversaries in the region, the Georgian government can create new economic opportunities, attract additional foreign investment, and protect the country's sovereignty from perverse international influences.

The partnership between Georgia and the United States relies on Georgia's ongoing commitment to fair international business and governance practices. I urge the Department of State to raise these issues with the government in Tbilisi and ensure the Georgian government facilitates an environment where businesses are able to develop projects to help Georgia remain free from Russian and Iranian influence.

# COMMENDING THE WORK OF JOHN MOLIERE AND STANDARD COMMUNICATIONS

## HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work being done by 5th District residents to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The employees of Standard Communications, Inc. have worked diligently with the Department of Veterans Affairs to install medical IT solutions. This work has included a new device to aid in the decontamination of medical equipment using ultraviolet light.

As we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to adapt and change the way we practice medicine in America. As the Congressman for Virginia's 5th District, I have been meeting with doctors, nurses, and other frontline healthcare workers to address our medical needs. One thing has become clear: Increasing our telehealth capabilities is critical to treating patients during the ongoing pandemic. In rural communities, we have seen a drop-off in patients seeking medical treatment for non-coronavirus related illnesses and injuries. This can create serious long-term issues in our healthcare system, where veterans can be vulnerable.

The work done by Standard Communications and their founder John Moliere is helping to alleviate some of these issues. During the COVID-19 pandemic we must strive to find innovative solutions to the medical needs of our community. Telehealth is now helping connect patients with healthcare providers in a way we had not considered before the outbreak. By increasing the number of doctor visits that can be done without face-to-face meetings we can continue to slow the spread of the virus and flatten the curve. I am grateful for the work of John Moliere and Standard Communications.

# HAPPYBOTTOMS DURING DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

## HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize HappyBottoms. HappyBottoms is a very important organization as they help bridge the gap for the almost 22,000 children that do not have enough diapers and bring awareness to the need during Diaper Need Awareness Week, which is celebrated the week of September 21 through 27, in Missouri.

HappyBottoms is Kansas City's only diaper bank and they have been instrumental in alleviating the need of diapers for families in the Kansas City area since its creation. Created in 2011, HappyBottoms has provided over 13 million diapers for low income families in collaboration with 41 partner agencies at 54 distribution sites across 6 counties. In addition to their work within the community, HappyBottoms is also active within 5 area hospitals providing diapers to eligible mothers of newborns under their "Bundle of Joys" program. I strongly support these efforts to ad-

dress the dire need of diapers within the Kansas City area as I believe this will ultimately lead to improved health for families within our communities.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing HappyBottoms for their effort in collecting, packaging and distributing diapers to low income families across the Kansas City metro area. I am honored to represent this wonderful organization in the United States Congress.

# MATERNAL HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

## HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2020*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4995, the Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2019. I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill through my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor.

My thanks to Reps. ENGEL, KELLY, BUCSHON, TORRES SMALL, LATTA, ADAMS, and STIVERS for introducing the Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2019, a bipartisan bill to address the maternal health crisis.

"The U.S. is the most the dangerous place in the developed world to deliver a baby." This quote was the conclusion of a major investigation by USA Today.

Each year, 700 American women die and 50,000 women are severely injured due to complications related to childbirth. If you're a Black woman in the U.S., the risks are greater. Black women are three times more likely to die from childbirth than white women in the U.S., a startling statistic.

This is unacceptable and it's preventable. The CDC estimates as much as 60 percent of these deaths could be prevented.

This bill would prevent these deaths by expanding programs that improve the practice of maternal care across the country by developing and disseminating best practices.

For example, the bill authorizes and funds the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health or AIM, which includes provider, public health, and consumer groups working at the state level to implement evidence-based "maternal safety bundles."

AIM works. States who implement AIM safety bundles have reduced their maternal morbidity rate as much as 22 percent. This data-driven approach was spearheaded in my Congressional District. Stanford's California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative has reduced severe health problems from pregnancy-related hemorrhages by 21 percent and has contributed to reducing the maternal mortality rate in California by 55 percent.

H.R. 4995 also addresses the maternal mortality crisis in rural areas. Rural mothers are 60 percent more likely to die during or after having a child than mothers in American cities, and it's even more dangerous for rural minority women, including Native American women.

Fewer than half of rural women live within a 30-minute drive to a hospital with perinatal services, and over 10 percent have to drive 100 miles or more.

This bill will close those gaps by expanding telehealth grants and increasing training op-

portunities for medical professionals to provide care in rural community-based settings. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday, September 17. Had I been present I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 193; YEA on Roll Call No. 194; and YEA on Roll Call No. 195.

# IN RECOGNITION OF AUSTIN HICKLE SELFLESS EFFORTS TO DEFEAT COVID-19

## HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express appreciation for Southern Methodist University Student Body Vice President Austin Hickles of Lubbock, Texas.

During this pandemic Austin has demonstrated true leadership. He used his position as SMU Student Body Vice President to establish the College Health Alliance of Texas and recruited other student body presidents from colleges and universities across Texas to become a unified voice. Together, this alliance would be able to amplify the urgency of public health compliance and coordinating greater student engagement in all necessary measures to decrease the risk of outbreaks among students. By creating this alliance, Austin eliminated a leadership vacuum in the COVID-19 response due to the absence of a strong student voice encouraging students to do their part and maintain best safety practices on campus. The message of these campus leaders was carried throughout the state in various media outlets. It encouraged students to step up to keep their campuses and communities safe.

For leadership that advanced the cause of public safety during a global pandemic, I would like to thank Austin Hickles for his selfless efforts on behalf of the State of Texas.

# HONORING RAY PETTEL, JR.

## HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Ray Pettel, Jr. of Christiansburg, Virginia, who passed away on September 12, 2020 at the age of 83. Ray was a longtime public servant who was committed to accountability and high performance in Virginia state government.

Ray was born in Gallipolis, Ohio and graduated from high school in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. After service in the United States Air Force, he returned to Pennsylvania and earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from the Pennsylvania State University.