

for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE IV—EASE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SEC. 401. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) Nearly 18 percent of adults in the United States reported a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder in 2015.

(2) Children are also significantly impacted. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 6 children ages 2 years through 8 years have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder, indicating that disorders begin in early childhood and affect lifelong health.

(3) Moreover, 1 in 7 children and adolescents have at least one treatable mental health disorder.

(4) There is a critical link between mental health and substance use disorders. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 in 4 adults with severe mental illness had a substance use disorder in 2017.

(5) Moreover, children who have had a major depressive episode are more than twice as likely to use illicit drugs.

(6) In 2017, approximately 19.7 million people aged 12 years or older had a substance use disorder related to their use of alcohol or illicit drugs in the past year.

(7) Despite this overwhelming need, access to behavioral health services remains among the most pressing health care challenges in our country.

(8) An estimated 56 percent of Americans with a mental health disorder did not receive treatment in 2017.

(9) Similarly, half of children and adolescents did not receive treatment for their mental health disorder in 2016.

(10) Further complicating access to care, as demand for behavioral health services increases in communities across the United States, the number of psychiatrists available to treat them continues to decline.

(11) The population of practicing psychiatrists declined by more than 10 percent between the period of 2003 through 2013, while the population of primary care physicians and neurologists grew during the same period.

(12) Technology has evolved to connect individuals to health care services in new ways, including via telehealth.

(13) Moreover, studies show that video visits are an effective strategy to provide mental health treatment to children and, in fact, may be preferable in some cases.

(14) During the 115th Congress, Congress recognized the potential of telehealth to ensure that those in urgent need of substance use disorder treatment receive the care they require.

(15) As passed and signed into law, sections 2001 and 1009 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271) expands the use of telehealth services for the treatment of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders.

(16) It is widely recognized that there is a close relationship between mental health and substance use disorders.

SEC. 402. MEDICARE TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.

Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)(C)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “and (7)” and inserting “(7), and (9)”; and

(B) in clause (ii)(X)—

(i) by striking “or telehealth services” and inserting “, telehealth services”; and

(ii) by inserting “or telehealth services described in paragraph (9)” before the period at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.—The geographic requirements described in paragraph (4)(C)(i) shall not apply with respect to telehealth services that are behavioral health services furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, to eligible telehealth individuals, including initial patient evaluations, follow-up medical management, and other behavioral health services, as determined by the Secretary, at an originating site described in paragraph (4)(C)(ii) (other than an originating site described in subclause (IX) of such paragraph).”.

SEC. 403. MEDICAID MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT THROUGH TELEHEALTH.

Section 1009 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the header, by striking “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS” and inserting “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS”; and

(B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “treatment for substance use disorders” and inserting “treatment for substance use disorders and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders”; and

(ii) by inserting “psychotherapy,” after “counseling.”;

(D) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”;

(E) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”; and

(F) by adding at the end, below and after paragraph (3), the following flush left text:

“The Secretary shall issue the guidance under this subsection not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to the matters described in the previous provisions of this subsection relating to substance use disorders, and not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to the matters described in such previous provisions relating to mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders.”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the header, by striking “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS” and inserting “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “treatment for substance use disorders” and inserting “treatment for substance use disorders and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” each place it appears; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting “with respect to substance use disorders,” after “paragraph (1).”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the evaluation conducted under paragraph (1), with respect to mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders, together with recommendations for such legislation and ad-

ministrative action as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.”; and

(3) in subsection (d)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “opioid use disorder”; and

(C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”.

SEC. 404. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this title shall take effect as is included in the enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

SA 4975. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR RURAL-AREA SMALL BUSINESSES.

Section 4(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78d(j)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting “rural-area small businesses,” after “women-owned small businesses.”; and

(2) in paragraph (6)(B)(iii), by inserting “rural-area small businesses,” after “women-owned small businesses.”.

SA 4976. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . INCLUSION OF BRAILLE GUIDES WITH COVID-19 TESTS.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide with each at-home test for SARS-CoV-2 sent to individuals by mail a braille guide describing how to use and interpret such test.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I have 6 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10:10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

JENNIFER MORENO DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL
CENTER

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3665.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3665) to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego, California, as the Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and to support the designation of a component of such medical center in honor of Kathleen Bruyere.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3665) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

COLONEL CHARLES AND JOANNE
POWELL DEPARTMENT OF VET-
ERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2771.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2771) to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Angelo, Texas, as the "Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2771) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2771

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Colonel Charles Powell and his wife, Mrs. JoAnne Powell, served the community of San Angelo, Texas, with character and dignity.

(2) Colonel Powell served as the base commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base from 1980 to 1984.

(3) When the Powells moved to San Angelo, Charles was ordered to help Goodfellow avoid closure and the displacement of many members of the Armed Forces from the community they had grown to love.

(4) The impact of Charles' career can still be felt today at Goodfellow Air Force Base, as it serves as a training school for thousands of members from every Armed Force to train in cryptology, intelligence, and fire-fighting.

(5) JoAnne assisted thousands of constituents in the district offices of Representatives Tom Loeffler, Lamar Smith, K. Michael Conaway, and August Pfluger.

(6) One of the several duties JoAnne spearheaded was the annual process of nominations to the military service academies, which was always a year-round process for her.

(7) With JoAnne's assistance, many of the young men and women of the 11th congressional district of Texas went on to serve the United States and attend one of the military service academies.

(8) In addition, JoAnne was a fierce advocate of veterans and helped thousands of individuals gain access to the veterans benefits they rightfully earned.

(9) JoAnne's compassion and dedication helped make the Concho Valley a better place.

**SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED
OUTPATIENT CLINIC OF DEPART-
MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN SAN
ANGELO, TEXAS.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Angelo, Texas, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as the "Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic" or the "Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell VA Clinic".

(b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the community-based outpatient clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to the Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.

**CONDEMNING THREATS OF VIO-
LENCE AGAINST HISTORICALLY
BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVER-
SITIES AND REAFFIRMING SUP-
PORT FOR THE STUDENTS OF
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES**

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 534, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 534) condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities and reaffirming support for the students of historically Black colleges and universities.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 534) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

**COMMEMORATING THE 105TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE GRANTING OF
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO
THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO**

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 535, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 535) commemorating the 105th anniversary of the granting of United States citizenship to the people of Puerto Rico.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 535) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")