

is not effective, nor that it is dangerous in any way.

It is actually safer than Tylenol, and millions of women have exercised their right to control their own bodies by using it. Naturally, in their quest to control women's bodies, Republicans have fought tooth and nail to prohibit access to mifepristone.

Women's healthcare is not some abstract concept. It is a human right. When Republicans criminalize reproductive freedom, women die, as we learned this week about two women in Georgia.

On this 24th anniversary of mifepristone's FDA authorization, which remains the law of the land, I call on pharmacies around the country to continue to distribute this safe and effective medication to women who want it.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

(Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Across the country, more than 60 million Americans are affected by mental illness. Unfortunately, many of those 60 million feel that they are alone, but we are here to let those struggling know that they are not alone.

No matter how dark the world may seem, there are people who care for you, and there are resources to help within an arm's reach. This world is worth being a part of, and you are too special for the darkness to win.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorder Task Force, we are encouraging everyone to spread awareness about suicide prevention. Help us break the stigma around mental health. Lend a hand. Look out for those in need of help, and remember it is okay not to be okay, but it is not okay to try and fight this on your own.

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RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL COACH JERRY GOODPASTURE

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the longtime North Canton Hoover High School softball coach, Jerry Goodpasture.

After a long and successful tenure at the helm of the Hoover Vikings, Coach Goodpasture announced his retirement last week.

Starting as the team's pitching coach over two decades ago, Coach Goodpasture helped Hoover win its

first two State titles in 1998 and 1999 before taking over as head coach in 2005. He then led Hoover to not one, not two, not three, four, or five, but six Division 1 State championships, including four State championships from 2011 to 2014.

Coach Goodpasture's coaching prowess cemented the Vikings as a softball powerhouse, and as a result of his success, he is a three-time Hall of Famer. He has been inducted into the Hoover High School Athletic Hall of Fame, the Ohio Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame, and the Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Coach Goodpasture will be remembered not only for his impact on the young athletes he coached on the softball field but also for the students he taught in the classroom for 30 years.

As one of Stark County's most successful high school coaches of all time, Coach Goodpasture's legacy will forever live on in the Goodpasture Stadium, the Hoover High School softball field named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Jerry Goodpasture on his incredible coaching and teaching career. I know the entire Hoover community is grateful for his years of dedication, and he will be greatly missed this upcoming softball season. I wish him the best of luck in his new chapter, and I thank him for making Ohio's 13th District the Birthplace of Champions.

HONORING EDWARD ROSS NEWTON FOR HIS HEROISM

(Mr. OWENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Ross Newton, a remarkable Utahn who served his country with distinction and honor during the Vietnam war.

Edward, known affectionately as Ed to his family and friends, was born and raised in a small, tight-knit community in Juab County, Utah. With a love of his homeland embedded deep in his heart, Ed traded the peaceful farmlands of Mona, Utah, for the treacherous battlefields of Vietnam.

It was on the fateful day of October 16, 1969, that Ed's bravery would define his legacy. While serving as a rifleman in the 82nd Airborne Division, Ed and his fellow soldiers were engaged in a search operation in the jungles of Vietnam. Suddenly, they came under direct and intense enemy fire.

In the chaos of battle, Ed witnessed his platoon leader and medic fall under the hail of bullets. Without a moment's hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Ed sprang into action.

Running toward the deadly barrage, Ed began to fire at the enemy position, enabling the medic to administer aid to the wounded.

Standing in the open, under the hail of enemy bullets, Ed suffered a griev-

ous neck wound, but even as he was forced to his knees, he refused to retreat. His focus was solely on the lives of his comrades.

For his extraordinary valor, Ed Ross Newton was awarded the Bronze Star medal with a V for valor, and he was also honored with a Purple Heart. These decorations serve as a testament to his bravery, devotion to duty, and deep concern for his fellow soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Ross Newton's legacy is one of unparalleled courage and sacrifice. His story is a powerful reminder of the values that define our Nation, the unwavering commitment to protect and serve others, even at great cost.

May God bless Edward Ross Newton and all those who serve our great Nation.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO ROBERT "BOB" AIKEN, JR.

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, residents are pulling out their cameras to take pictures with the legendary Robert "Bob" Aiken, Jr., of Snow Hill, North Carolina, in celebration of his 100th birthday.

Born and raised in Snow Hill, Bob went to college and returned home in 1945, discovering his passion for photography and opening Bob Aiken Photography.

For more than 70 years, he was the local photographer, and through his eyes and camera lenses, he captured the most precious moments of our residents.

If you wanted pictures of that special occasion, prom, or wedding, call Bob. He is even known for just showing up on occasion.

Bob was married to the love of his life, Seroba, for 64 years.

Mr. Speaker, his deep love for his family, our community, and capturing so many historic moments is unparalleled. The Greene County Board of Commissioners has designated September 21 as Bob Aiken Day.

Now, smile and say cheese, Bob. Happy birthday.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MATTHEW OSBORNE

(Mr. CLYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Matthew Osborne, a dedicated editor, family man, and cherished member of the northeast Georgian community, who tragically passed away last month.

After graduating from George Washington University right here in D.C., he began his 25-year career in journalism as a sportswriter in Florida.

Over the years, Matthew worked for several newspapers, going on to become

the editor of The Northeast Georgian in 2019. His love of writing and commitment to objectivity earned him respect, not only from his peers but from his local readers. Matthew won numerous State and regional awards for his outstanding work, and through it all, he never lost his passion for covering sports.

Matthew is more than a talented reporter and editor. He was also a devoted husband to his wife, Samantha, a family man, and father to their three boys, Hunter, Cal, and Ollie.

Mr. Speaker, may God continue to comfort Samantha and her sons, as well as Matthew's peers and loved ones, during this difficult time.

Georgia's Ninth District will always remember the profound impact that Matthew Osborne had on his readers and on our community as a whole.

HONORING TYLER G. BROWN ON BECOMING A PUBLISHED AUTHOR

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tyler G. Brown, an author and constituent from Dallas, Oregon.

Not only is Tyler an author, but he is also a corporal with the Grande Ronde Tribal Police Department.

Late last year, Tyler published his first book, "Tribal Honor." His story is an inspiring one. This is actually the third novel he has written, as the first two did not make it into print. However, the setback did not stop him from realizing his dream of becoming a published author.

In his debut novel, Tyler blends his experience as a law enforcement officer with his passion for thrillers, mystery, and action-packed fiction novels. Unsurprisingly, his first novel quickly climbed the crime action fiction charts.

Every year, the Readers' Favorite International Book Award contest announces the top books in a variety of categories, and this year they had a record amount of entries. The contest showcases thousands of authors from around the world, and "Tribal Honor" won the gold medal in the action-fiction category.

As the daughter of a police officer, I know firsthand the challenges that come with being in law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I want to let Tyler know how grateful I am for his dedication to keeping the Grande Ronde Tribe safe and how pleased I am to see his novel get the recognition it deserves. I thank him for inspiring people and showing them that they should always chase their dreams. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to him and his family. He has made Oregon's Sixth District immensely proud.

HONORING JUDGE JULIE KOCUREK FOR HER BRAVERY

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Judge Julie Kocurek, who is the 390th State District judge in Austin, Texas.

In 2015, the judge survived an assassination attempt by a criminal defendant seeking revenge for a decision she made in his case. Judge Kocurek and her family were stalked for a month before the individual attacked her, shooting her four times. Judge Kocurek miraculously survived and bravely returned to the bench to ensure that justice prevails over violence.

Mr. Speaker, this is happening on an increased basis all across this country. I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 8093, the Countering Threats and Attacks on Our Judges Act, introduced in this House by Chairman MICHAEL MCCAUL and the late Sheila Jackson Lee and in the Senate by Senator CORNYN and Senator COONS.

The bill would help judges by creating a State judicial threat intelligence and resource center to provide guidance and best practices for State judges. It informs law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I know firsthand the threats judges face because my father served as chief justice of the Western District of Texas in San Antonio at a time when one of his colleagues, the Honorable John H. Wood, Jr., was shot in the back by a criminal and killed.

I think that we need to pay attention to crime and criminals better in this country, especially where they aim themselves at judges and our judicial system.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ERNEST "ERNIE" WILLIAM MEASE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life and legacy of an American hero and gentleman, Ernest "Ernie" William Mease, who recently passed away at the strong age of 99.

A proud Navy veteran, Ernie served our Nation with distinction from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, including at the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle of the war.

For his bravery, he was decorated with the Philippine Liberation Medal.

After his honorable service, Ernie, a man of his word, built a life of dedication to our Toledo community in northwest Ohio as a real estate developer and a tireless advocate of American Legion Toledo Post 335. The post marked its 100th anniversary with a ceremony at the Toledo Club earlier this year, and I had the great privilege of presenting Ernie with a U.S. flag

flown over the U.S. Capitol in the post's honor.

Ernie was more than a veteran and businessman. He was a devoted husband and father, a friend of hundreds, and a treasured community builder in our community intergenerationally.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Joyce; their children, Melissa and David; his brother, Norman; and all who loved him.

Today, we honor in America's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD his memory and his contributions to liberty as one member of the most unselfish generation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from The Blade.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

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ERNEST WILLIAM MEASE: RETIRED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER FOUGHT IN THE NAVY IN WORLD WAR II

(By Mike Sigov)

Ernest W. "Ernie" Mease, a retired real estate developer and Navy veteran of World War II, died Wednesday at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on South Detroit Avenue. He was 99.

He died of aspiration pneumonia, his wife of 54 years, Joyce Mease, said, noting that he lived 46 years after suffering a massive heart attack at age 53.

Mr. Mease was a machinist's mate on a Navy tank-landing ship during the October, 1944, Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines, the largest naval battle of World War II, and was proud of his military service, Mrs. Mease said.

Decorated with the Philippine Liberation Medal for his part in the battle, he was a longtime member of American Legion Toledo Post 335, including years as the post commander, the position he held in retirement until 2023.

In May, the past commander received an American flag from U.S. Rep. MARCY KAPTUR (D., Toledo) during the post's centennial celebration at the Toledo Club downtown. Prior to the event, the flag Ms. KAPTUR presented had flown over the U.S. Capitol at her request.

"I am very proud, very proud, and surprised," he told The Blade after the award ceremony.

The retired real estate developer served in the Navy from 1943 until 1946, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of petty officer 2nd class.

He retired in 1990 after at least 30 years as an independent real estate developer. He built, renovated, and leased out apartments and houses in Toledo and Bowling Green.

"He was a fair and honest landlord and he had a great reputation," Mrs. Mease said. "He was admired for being smart, reliable, and articulate."

Born May 1, 1925, in Washington to Eva and Ralph Mease, he graduated from high school before joining the Navy.

Following his honorable discharge, he used the GI Bill to attend Lehigh University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering before getting hired by Toledo's former Houghton Elevator Co. to supervise elevator installations in Philadelphia.

Mr. Mease was later transferred to Toledo, where he continued as a mechanics' supervisor for the company until going into the real estate business.