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H.R. 7661, STOP THE SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN ACT, AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE ON JULY 2, 2026

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2026	2026–2031	2026–2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 7661 would prohibit the use of federal funds awarded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide or promote programs, literature, or other materials to children under the age of 18 that contain sexually oriented content, including gender dysphoria or transgenderism. The bill would exempt certain content that includes science coursework, religious texts, and classic works of art and literature, and instruction intended to help students recognize sexual trafficking.

CBO expects schools and other entities would comply with the requirements in H.R. 7661 and that any federal funds that would have been used for those purposes under current law would be used for other purposes.

Based on the cost of implementing similar prohibitions, CBO estimates that the costs to the Department of Education to implement H.R. 7661 would be insignificant; any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Garrett Quenneville. The estimate was reviewed by Chad Chirico, Director of Budget Analysis.

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CELEBRATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHEAST BRONX YMCA

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Northeast Bronx YMCA, an institution that has become an important part of the fabric of the Northeast Bronx and a place where residents of all ages can come together, stay active, learn, and build community.

For decades, residents of the Northeast Bronx advocated for a dedicated community facility that would provide children, families, seniors, and young people with access to

recreation, education, health, wellness, and enrichment opportunities. The opening of the Northeast Bronx YMCA in September 2021 represented the culmination of years of community advocacy and a shared commitment to investing in the future of the neighborhood.

Community leaders Alonzo de Castro and Shirley Fearon, along with many other residents and advocates, played an important role in keeping the vision for a Northeast Bronx YMCA alive. Through their work with the Northeast Bronx Community Coalition and their engagement with residents and public officials, they helped ensure that the community's desire for a high-quality recreational and community facility remained a priority.

The result is a remarkable resource at the heart of the Northeast Bronx. Located on East 229th Street, the Northeast Bronx YMCA provides residents with access to swimming pools, a full gymnasium, fitness and wellness facilities, childcare, youth programming, community spaces, and educational and recreational activities. These resources provide opportunities for children to learn and grow, families to spend time together, seniors to remain active and connected, and residents of all ages to improve their physical and mental well-being.

The importance of the YMCA became particularly clear during the COVID-19 pandemic, when its gymnasium served as a vaccination site and helped connect Bronx residents with critical public health resources. This demonstrated that the YMCA is more than a place for exercise—it is an institution capable of responding to the needs of the community in times of both celebration and crisis.

The Northeast Bronx YMCA also represents what can be accomplished when residents, community organizations, nonprofit institutions, and government work together toward a common goal. The approximately \$60 million investment that helped make the facility possible reflects a broader commitment to ensuring that residents of the Northeast Bronx have access to the resources and opportunities they deserve.

Five years after opening its doors, the Northeast Bronx YMCA has become a multigenerational gathering place and community hub. It provides a safe space for young people, opportunities for families, programs for seniors, and resources that promote health, education, and connection. Most importantly, it gives residents a place they can call their own.

As we celebrate this fifth anniversary, we recognize the many community members and leaders who helped make this vision possible, including Alonzo de Castro and Shirley Fearon, while celebrating the broader community that has embraced the YMCA and made it an integral part of life in the Northeast Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Northeast Bronx YMCA on five years of service to our community. May it continue to be a place of opportunity, wellness, fellowship, and hope for generations of Bronx residents to come.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VFW POST 5917

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bolingbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5917 as they celebrate their 50th anniversary, marking five decades of service, patriotism, and steadfast commitment to our Nation's veterans and the public.

Under the leadership of Post Commander Greg Palmer and through the dedication of its officers and members, VFW Post 5917 has served as a vital pillar of the community. The Post upholds the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars by fostering camaraderie among veterans, honoring the fallen through funeral honors and memorial services, and supporting veterans and their families through casework and social services. In addition to supporting veterans, the Post makes a meaningful impact through its involvement in local blood drives and participation in the VFW Voice of Democracy student scholarship program.

Mr. Speaker, VFW Post 5917 stands as a testament to the enduring strength, sacrifice, and unity of America's veterans. I am proud to recognize its 50 years of service to our veterans, their families, and the Bolingbrook community. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone and honoring VFW Post 5917's continued commitment to supporting the individuals who fought to defend and preserve the freedoms we hold dear.

RECOGNIZING TIM HYGH'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO MACKINAC ISLAND

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Tim Hygh for his retirement from the Mackinac Island Convention & Visitors Bureau (MICVB). His leadership has strengthened one of Michigan's most iconic tourist destinations while supporting local businesses and preserving the island's unique character.

For fifteen years, Tim has served as the Executive Director for the MICVB, after helping to found the organization in 2010. He has been instrumental in turning the MICVB into a premier destination marketing and advocacy organization. Under his leadership, the Bureau has expanded to encompass the Mackinac Island Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, and the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau Political Action Committee.

Tim's leadership was evident during the COVID-19 pandemic when he led the island's Public Health Task Force. By fostering strong communication among local leaders, businesses, and public officials, he helped guide the community through uncertainty while establishing the Bureau as a trusted resource and effective partner. The relationships formed during that time helped the MICVB expand its advocacy efforts to advance the island's interests within federal agencies and the Michigan State Legislature.

Throughout his tenure, Tim has worked tirelessly to increase Mackinac Island's national profile. He established a lasting relationship with Advance Travel and Tourism to market the island on a broader scale and gained national recognition from media outlets such as Conde Nast Traveler, Travel + Leisure, USA Today's 10Best, among other accolades. These efforts have helped to keep the Island a world class destination, increasing tourism and strengthening the local economy.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Tim Hygh for his remarkable career and steadfast commitment to Mackinac Island. Tim's vision, integrity, and unwavering commitment to serving others have left an enduring legacy on Mackinac Island that will continue to benefit the community for years to come.

HONORING JANE HEALY FOR A LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jane Healy, a D.C. native, former editorial page editor of the Orlando Sentinel, and the newspaper's first Pulitzer Prize winner, who died of a blood disorder on May 15, 2026, at the age of 77.

She was a devoted mother to her two sons, Randall and Kevin; mother-in-law to Kevin's wife, Emily; grandmother to their son, Teddy, and to Randall's children, Elizabeth (plus husband Alex and great-grandchildren, Zayden and Leighton), grandmother to Taylor (plus fiancé, Spencer) and grandson, RJ; twin sister to Monica and sister to Kevin, Kathleen (all live in D.C.), and the late Julie; and sister-in-law to Monica's husband, George Hager; and ultimately, close friends with her ex-husband, Jim Clark.

After attending Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and graduating from the University of Maryland in 1971, she got a job at the Orlando Sentinel after her job as a part-time reporter for the New York Daily News' Washington bureau.

Healy began as a metro reporter at the Sentinel and was promoted to the editorial board in 1981. She rose to editorial page editor in 1985, the same year she was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her "Florida's Shame" editorial series, which exposed politicians who gave in to aggressive developers destroying the environment. The series continued, and in 1988 it won Healy the Pulitzer in editorial writing, the Sentinel's first Pulitzer. She was again a Pulitzer finalist for the ongoing series in 2007.

In 1994, Healy became the Sentinel's managing editor, supervising a newsroom of nearly 400 staffers. In 2001, she returned to oversee the editorial pages and was named vice president of the Sentinel. In 2008, she retired from the Sentinel, but she continued to write a Sunday political column until 2010.

Throughout much of her career, Healy was a significant force in journalism at the University of Maryland. She was a member and later chair of Merrill College's Board of Visitors and performed the same roles at Maryland's Knight Center for Specialized Journalism. She was named to the University of Maryland Dis-

tinguished Alumni in 2003, and to the university's Hall of Fame in 2022.

HONORING HEART GALLERY EAST TEXAS

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heart Gallery East Texas on being named a 2026 Angels in Adoption Honoree by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, an award accepted on the organization's behalf by its Director, Gillian Sheridan.

Heart Gallery East Texas serves children in foster care across 23 counties in Region 4 of East Texas using portrait exhibits and storytelling to connect the roughly 100 children in our region awaiting adoption with families willing to welcome them home. Gillian has led that mission with a personal conviction for it—she has been a voice for children in foster care since her days as a television news anchor, she helped build local ministries to raise awareness of their needs, and she is an adoptive mother herself. Her prayer, in her words, is that every child in foster care finds a forever family. That conviction runs through the organization she leads.

Each year, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute selects individuals, families, and organizations across the Nation who have shown an extraordinary commitment to helping children and permanent, safe, and loving homes. The work of Heart Gallery East Texas, on behalf of those children has set it apart in our community and earned it this national recognition.

I am proud to welcome Heart Gallery East Texas to the distinguished group of organizations that have carried the title Angels in Adoption Honoree. The people of East Texas are grateful for its tireless work on behalf of children who are waiting for a family to call their own, and I join the Institute in thanking Heart Gallery East Texas, and Gillian Sheridan, for helping make that dream a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Heart Gallery East Texas on this well-deserved honor.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. DONALD P. "PETE" GERMAN

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Donald P. "Pete" German, who passed away on August 12, 2026, at the age of 87. Donald was a true public servant, dedicating over 30 years of his career to teaching woodworking across Pennsylvania public high schools. Outside of work, Donald was an avid outdoorsman and football fan. Donald's service to future generations is sure to leave a lasting impact across our commonwealth.

Donald was born September 14, 1938, to Frank and Margret German in Wyano, Pennsylvania. He graduated from South Huntingdon

High School in 1957 and continued his education at California University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. For the next 30 years, Donald worked as the industrial art teacher at West Newton and Yough High Schools, teaching generations of Pennsylvanians woodworking skills. Donald also made it a priority to teach the importance of hard work and responsibility. Former students continue to share stories of the influence Donald had on their lives long after their time in his classroom had ended.

Above all else, Donald will be remembered as a man who loved his family. Donald married his high school sweetheart, Gwendolyn Odelli German, and is survived by their two children, Lisa D. Nickles and Donald Hutch German. Additionally, Donald was a grandfather to four grandchildren, great-grandfather to five great-grandchildren, and loved by several extended family members who are sure to carry on his legacy.

Mr. Speaker, Donald P. "Pete" German was a man loved by many. From teaching important life skills to his students to his love and support for his family, Donald's impact will be felt for years to come. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his wife, Gwendolyn, his two children, Lisa and Donald; his grandchildren; and all his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time.

CELEBRATING THE 174TH ANNI- VERSARY OF CRAWFORD MEMO- RIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. I rise today to honor and celebrate 174 years of Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church—a remarkable institution that has stood as a beacon of faith, fellowship, service, and community in the Bronx for nearly two centuries.

The church's roots reach deep into the history of the Bronx. Its story includes a congregation that moved to the neighborhood in the late nineteenth century, and a community that grew and evolved alongside it. The church was later named in honor of Francis Crawford, a dedicated layman who moved into the neighborhood in 1877 and served as superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the Board of Trustees. Following a devastating fire, the Crawford family demonstrated extraordinary kindness when they gave generously to rebuild the church.

The church endured another devastating fire in the winter of 1974, when flames engulfed the front of the sanctuary and damaged the organ. Yet even in the face of destruction, the spirit of the congregation was not extinguished. The church rebuilt. It persevered. And it continued its mission.

That spirit of perseverance is captured beautifully in the words that stood on the only remaining Church wall: "GOD IS LOVE."

The church's history also reflects the changing face of the Bronx. As the surrounding community changed, so too did the congregation. The church experienced a significant