

work on legislation that helps the seniors impacted by the opioid crisis across this country.

The bill included another bill I worked on with Rep. RENACCI, H.R. 5715, the Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Abuse Act. The bill encourages greater data sharing between CMS and insurers.

All the bills passed in recent weeks represent the first step in addressing a crisis that has impacted millions of Americans and their families. In 2016, we lost 64,000 American lives from drug overdoses. Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death among Americans under the age of 50.

After today, we must continue to focus on policies that lift our constituents out of the conditions that lead to addiction. Whether that results from social isolation, financial anxiety, emotional or physical trauma, inadequate access to primary or mental health care, we should consider how all of the policies we advance in this body will impact our constituents.

The lessons from past drug crises and the evidence supporting the public health approach we are taking today can guide us as we seek an end to the current opioid crisis—without revamping the failed and costly War on Drugs.

Opioid addiction is a disease that has spread to millions of Americans across the country, from our young students to our parents and grandparents, from our rural communities to our big cities. Alabama, which has the highest rate of opioid prescriptions in the country, is a battleground in our fight against this epidemic.

Millions of Americans become addicted to opioids after being prescribed opioids after surgery or to manage pain. My congressional district and state is home to many retired coal miners and men and women who have spent their lives working in physically intensive jobs in manufacturing. I have no doubt that the chronic pain they have sustained from years in physically taxing work environments is real and requires pain medication.

I also have heard from constituents with sickle cell disease and cancer, who require pain management to treat the pain that results from their conditions.

Moving forward, I am committed to working on policies that advance and encourage the development and adoption of non-opioid alternatives for pain management. From increased access to physical therapy and chiropractic care to post-surgical non-opioid alternatives, I urge CMS to take the steps they can today to change reimbursement policies that discourage providers to prescribe non-opioid alternatives.

The preventative action necessary for a crisis as such can be observed in the case of Jessica Kilpatrick, an Alabama woman in a small town in Northwest Alabama. As stated in the Washington Post, “for as long as she could remember, pills made the intolerable possible. Now, without them, she was a poor woman in a poor town with a swollen right foot from a 10-hour shift [at Burger King] and a new key tag from Narcotics Anonymous that said “Clean and Serene for Eighteen months.”

Susceptibility to relapse on this road to recovery is fueled by the lack of access to adequate treatment for both pain and addiction. I am deeply concerned about Alabamians who work hard every day but yet fall into the Medicaid gap. Workers who make more than 18 percent of the poverty line but less than the

federal poverty line do not qualify for any assistance, making prevention and treatment more expensive in non-expansion states and unaffordable for Alabamians in minimum wage jobs.

I urge all Members of Congress to support H.R. 6 today because it marks a positive step in the right direction as we work to improve the lives of the millions of Americans impacted by the opioid and addiction crisis.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LEGENDARY SPECIAL FORCES VETERAN MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL D. HEALY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Major General Michael D. Healy who passed away on April 15, 2018 at the age of 91. During his 35 years of dedicated service, Maj. Gen. Healy served valiantly, made history and showed us all how to be a family man.

After enlisting in the United States Army in 1945, Maj. Gen. Healy began an illustrious career with deployments in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After evading enemy machine gun fire in the Korean War, Maj. Gen. Healy was given the nickname “Iron Mike” and it has stuck with him throughout his entire life. His nerves of steel and unparalleled courage led him to become one of the first Green Berets to achieve the rank of General.

Deployed on numerous operational assignments all over the globe and through some of our nation’s toughest times, Maj. Gen. Healy stood ready to answer the call to serve our nation. Throughout these operations, he delivered on the promise to keep America safe and confront our enemies under the most difficult conditions. Maj. Gen. Healy received numerous medals and recognitions for his service, including the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Silver Star, four awards of the Legion of Merit, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was truly a man of humility, bravery, and dignity.

While fighting our nation’s battles overseas, Maj. Gen. Healy most important commitment remained to his family back home. He was married to his lovely wife, Jacklyn, for 69 years, and they raised six sons, ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. This country cannot repay the debt we owe to Maj. Gen. Healy and his family—the Healys are true American heroes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the career of the Major General Michael D. Healy.

IN RECOGNITION OF GIACOMAZZI DAIRY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Giacomazzi Dairy as it celebrates

its 125th year of continuous operations producing milk in Kings County, California.

Founded by Luigi Giacomazzi, an immigrant from Moghegno, Ticino, Switzerland, Giacomazzi Dairy opened on property acquired from Southern Pacific Rail Road Company in 1893, the same year Kings County was formed. Mr. Giacomazzi developed the land and founded the dairy with just ten cows producing butter and cheese that he sold to locals and Chinese railroad workers.

After marrying his wife, the former Gilia Pincini, Mr. Giacomazzi built their farm and dairy with the help of their four children: Florinda, Louis, Jr., Stephen, and Fred.

In 1923, Giacomazzi Dairy became the first dairy to install milking machines in the region. These revolutionary machines simultaneously milked four cows. By 1937, Giacomazzi Dairy constructed their third Grade A barn in Kings County. Technological advances enabled the Giacomazzis to milk forty-two cows at a time.

Louis, Jr., Stephen, and Fred formed a new partnership—Giacomazzi Brothers—with each sibling handling a distinct aspect of operations. Once considered the largest dairy operation in the southern Central Valley region, Giacomazzi Brothers dissolved the partnership in 1969, however, Fred Giacomazzi continued to operate the dairy, purchasing land from the partnership.

Joined by his son, Donald in 1974, Fred increased the dairy’s herd to 350 cows with approximately 300 acres of farmland. In 1985, the Giacomazzi Dairy herd grew to 600 cows and its farming operation expanded to 500 acres.

Don and his wife Jackie, had four children: Gina, Dino, Cara, and Mia. In 2003, Dino returned to the farm after working thirteen years in the music and internet industries. Two years later, Dino married his wife, the former Julie Friebe, and took over day-to-day management and operations of the farm. Since assuming operations, Dino has expanded the herd to 1,000 cows on 1,000 acres, including 375 acres planted with almond trees.

Beginning with its first milking machine in 1923, Giacomazzi Dairy has established itself as a leader in agriculture innovation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Giacomazzi Dairy, Kings County’s longest, continuously-operating dairy, on its 125th year of producing milk.

HONORING DAVID FOUNTAIN AND LEADERSHIP NORTH CAROLINA

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership of David Fountain, North Carolina President of Duke Energy, as he completes his successful term of service as chair of the Leadership North Carolina Board of Directors.

Leadership North Carolina is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that engages current and emerging leaders from across the state. Its mission is to inform, develop, and engage committed leaders by broadening their understanding of and involvement in issues and opportunities facing the

state. Each year LNC recruits committed individuals interested in learning more about North Carolina and connecting with fellow leaders. Through innovative programming, LNC teaches these engaged citizens about the challenges and opportunities facing North Carolina and offers tools to turn their knowledge into action for the benefit of the state.

David Fountain has been an energetic and visionary chair of LNC's board since 2016, as one might have expected from his successful rise through the ranks at Duke Energy. He holds BA, JD, and MBA degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead-Cain Scholar. He practiced law at McGuire Woods in Raleigh from 1994 to 2000, after which he joined what was then called Carolina Power & Light as associate general counsel. From 2009 to 2012, Mr. Fountain served as general counsel and vice president of Progress Energy Inc. From there, he went on to serve as senior vice president of Enterprise Legal Support at Duke Energy and rose to the role of President in 2015.

David was elected chair of Leadership North Carolina in 2016. He knew and believed in the program as an alumnus and has given it full benefit of his experience and dedication. He has helped position the program for sustainability for years to come and has strengthened its reputation among leaders in business, government, education, and the nonprofit sectors. The measure of a good leader is the legacy he or she leaves behind. Mr. Fountain leaves North Carolina with 1,157 informed and engaged leaders and has challenged them to exercise their influence for the benefit of our state and nation.

I want to join David Fountain's many friends and admirers in thanking him for the time and effort he has dedicated to Leadership North Carolina and to congratulate him for a job well done. He leaves the organization stronger than he found it, better equipped to nurture future generations of conscientious and effective leaders. For that, all North Carolinians are in his debt.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be on the House floor on June 19, 2018 because my flight from Oregon was delayed because of weather. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5676, the Stop Excessive Narcotics in our Retirement Communities Protection Act, and H.R. 5687, the Securing Opioids and Unused Narcotics with Deliberate Disposal and Packaging Act of 2018. These bills take important steps to stem the tide of opioid abuse in this country, and I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to combat this crisis.