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This past May, we commemorated the second National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls to bring awareness about how this problem specifically affects Native American communities. I am hopeful that this bill can help address this very serious problem, and the overall bill that addresses the need for families to find their loved ones after the ages of children and before the ages of senior citizen. We can always do more to help local missing adults and to save them. There are families in my district right now who are suffering from the loss of their brother or sister.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5075, the "Ashanti Alert Act of 2018."

This bill seeks to establish a national communications network within the Department of Justice to help locate missing adults by providing assistance to regional and local search efforts. The bill would initiate, facilitate, and promote Ashanti Alert plans in coordination with states, units of local government, law enforcement agencies, and other concerned entities with expertise in providing services to adults.

These are laudable goals and, as a Congress, ones which we have a duty to facilitate. As of December 31, 2017, the National Crime Information Center database included records of 55,968 missing adults. In fact, many adults go missing each year who are not found—until it is too late.

Such was the case of the young woman after whom this bill is named—Ashanti Billie. At 19 years of age, she was abducted from her workplace in Virginia, taken across state lines, and later found dead in North Carolina. Ashanti Billie was too old for the issuance of an Amber Alert on her behalf, and too young for a Silver Alert.

The Ashanti Alert Act seeks to fill in the gap for people like Ashanti Billie—missing adults between the ages of 18 and 64. And it does so in coordination with the Blue Alert Communications Network, which Congress established in 2015, under the Blue Alert Act. The Blue Alert Act established a nationwide network of "blue alerts" to warn about threats to police officers and help track down the suspects who carry them out.

While drawing on the Blue Alert network, the Ashanti Alert Act requires implementing jurisdictions to establish plans that include minimum standards to ensure that resources are used adequately, accurately and efficiently. Had these resources been available when Ashanti Billie was abducted, she may still be here today.

For all these reasons, I enthusiastically support this legislation and encourage my colleagues to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation. By coordinating with existing networks, H.R. 5075 will facilitate the establishment of a communications network for alerts concerning missing

adults and have an impact far beyond what it will take to establish it.

And I am heartened by Mr. Goodlatte's clarification that this bill is intended to extend to tribal entities and Native American reservations.

This past May, we commemorated the second National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls—to bring awareness about how this problem specifically affects Native American communities. I am hopeful that this bill can help address this very serious problem.

We can always do more to help locate missing adults and to save lives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Ashanti Alert Act of 2018, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the remainder of my time.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, on behalf of all Members of the House, I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Ashanti.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. TAYLOR for his leadership in proposing this very important legislation. Hopefully, other people will benefit from its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5075, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 6368, de novo;

H.R. 6369, de novo;

H.R. 6735, de novo.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 6368) to encourage R&D small business set-asides, to encourage SBIR and STTR participants to serve as mentors under the Small Business Administration's mentor-protege program, to promote the use of inter-agency contracts, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 389, nays 6, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—389

Abraham	Culberson	Hollingsworth
Adams	Curbelo (FL)	Hoyer
Aderholt	Curtis	Hudson
Aguiar	Davidson	Huffman
Amodei	Davis (CA)	Huizenga
Arrington	Davis, Rodney	Hultgren
Babin	DeFazio	Hunter
Bacon	DeGette	Hurd
Balderson	Delaney	Issa
Banks (IN)	DeLauro	Jackson Lee
Barr	DelBene	Jayapal
Barragán	Demings	Jeffries
Barton	Denham	Jenkins (KS)
Bass	DeSaulnier	Johnson (GA)
Beatty	DesJarlais	Johnson (LA)
Bera	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (OH)
Bergman	Doggett	Johnson, E. B.
Beyer	Donovan	Johnson, Sam
Billirakis	Doyle, Michael	Jones
Bishop (GA)	F.	Joyce (OH)
Bishop (MI)	Duffy	Kaptur
Black	Duncan (SC)	Katko
Blum	Duncan (TN)	Keating
Blumenauer	Dunn	Kelly (IL)
Blunt Rochester	Emmer	Kelly (MS)
Bonamici	Engel	Kelly (PA)
Bost	Espallat	Kennedy
Boyle, Brendan	Estes (KS)	Khanna
F.	Esty (CT)	Kihuen
Brady (TX)	Evans	Kildee
Brat	Faso	Kilmer
Brooks (AL)	Ferguson	Kind
Brooks (IN)	Fitzpatrick	King (IA)
Brown (MD)	Fleischmann	King (NY)
Brownley (CA)	Flores	Kinzinger
Buchanan	Fortenberry	Knight
Buck	Foster	Krishnamoorthi
Bucshon	Fox	Kuster (NH)
Budd	Frankel (FL)	Kustoff (TN)
Bustos	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Butterfield	Fudge	LaMalfa
Byrne	Gabbard	Lamb
Calvert	Gallagher	Lamborn
Carbajal	Gallego	Lance
Cárdenas	Garamendi	Langevin
Carson (IN)	Garrett	Larsen (WA)
Carter (GA)	Gianforte	Larson (CT)
Carter (TX)	Gibbs	Latta
Castor (FL)	Gohmert	Lawrence
Chabot	Gomez	Lawson (FL)
Cheney	Gonzalez (TX)	Lee
Chu, Judy	Goodlatte	Lesko
Ciilline	Gosar	Levin
Clark (MA)	Gottheimer	Lewis (GA)
Clarke (NY)	Granger	Lewis (MN)
Cleaver	Graves (GA)	Lieu, Ted
Cloud	Graves (LA)	Lipinski
Clyburn	Graves (MO)	LoBiondo
Coffman	Green, Al	Loebsack
Cohen	Green, Gene	Lofgren
Cole	Griffith	Long
Collins (GA)	Grijalva	Loudermilk
Collins (NY)	Guthrie	Love
Comer	Hanabusa	Lowenthal
Comstock	Handel	Lowe
Conaway	Harper	Lucas
Connolly	Harris	Luetkemeyer
Cook	Hartzler	Luján, Ben Ray
Cooper	Hastings	Lynch
Correa	Heck	MacArthur
Costa	Hensarling	Maloney
Costello (PA)	Herrera Beutler	Carolyn B.
Courtney	Hice, Jody B.	Maloney, Sean
Cramer	Higgins (LA)	Marchant
Crawford	Higgins (NY)	Marino
Crist	Hill	Marshall
Crowley	Himes	Mast
Cuellar	Holding	Matsui