

Currently, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, who often act as primary care providers for many patients with diabetes, are required to refer diabetic Medicare patients who need therapeutic shoes to a physician for further certification. The patient must then refer to the physician going forward. In addition to accruing unnecessary fees, this process delays patients from getting efficient and time-sensitive care.

Timely access to diabetic shoes is crucial, and is well within the scope of treatment that nurse practitioners and physician assistants should be able to prescribe. That is why I am proud to sponsor the Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me to pass this important piece of legislation.

**CELEBRATING BOONE DRUG'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Boone Drug in Boone, North Carolina, on celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of its original store, opened in North Carolina's Fifth District by Dr. George Kelly Moose. With this longevity of service in the community, Boone Drug can truly claim to be a neighborhood institution. When it opened, it was one of only two drugstores in Boone, and it has thrived in the midst of the changes of the pharmaceutical industry through the last century.

For 50 years, customers went to see Dr. Moose, walking from miles away to buy their medicine at Boone Drug. The upstairs of the building was occupied by a group of doctors and a dentist, which kept constant traffic moving in and out of the store. Dr. Moose even kept his drugstore open until each doctor had seen his last patient, often late into the night.

In 1947, two brothers, Dr. Odell Kelly—"O.K." for Odell Kelly—and Dr. Wayne Richardson, joined Dr. Moose at the pharmacy. The space was expanded for a soda fountain and grill, where many locals socialized, and the town's movers and shakers talked politics.

Joe Miller was next to join the Boone Drug ownership. Having worked at the fountain in high school, the Richardson brothers convinced him to go to pharmacy school and eventually made him a fourth owner.

Dr. Miller was joined by Dr. John Stacy and Dr. Jim Furman. They have kept alive the legacy of customer service, philanthropy, and business expansion of their predecessors. The Boone Drug pharmacists often volunteered their services, staying open until 9 p.m.; so that physicians could work long hours and patients could fill their prescriptions after a late-night doctor's visit. The store's philosophy was that anyone who came in with a prescription left with medicine, even if one didn't have the means to cover the entire prescription's cost right away.

In the mid-1980s, Dr. Miller broadened the store's horizons, selling art supplies. The popular art supply store, named Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, began in the upstairs of the drugstore. At first, art supplies were placed on shelves between over-the-counter medicines down-

stairs. Eventually, what started as Dr. Miller's hobby outgrew the drugstore and Cheap Joe's Art Stuff moved into its own location, serving customers worldwide.

Although the drugstore's fountain and grill closed in 2011, the owners have filled its former space with a nonprofit community kitchen that feeds the hungry. Today, there are 17 Boone Drug locations in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The pharmacists in these pharmacies serve as direct contacts for medical information without an appointment or the expense of a doctor's visit. Boone Drug provides a shining example of the important role that pharmacies play in supporting healthy communities. They provide immunizations, durable medical equipment, counseling, and expertise in healthcare.

I have been a patron of Boone Drug since moving to Boone as a student at Appalachian State University and always enjoy my visits to the store. I continue to love all the wonderful employees and am privileged to represent this small business and local pharmacy. It treats clients like family, which is the hallmark of a small-town drugstore that lasts a century, and I wish Boone Drug another 100 years of success.

**IN HONOR OF THE 88TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
FLETCHER MCCOLLISTER POST
135**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 88th Anniversary of The American Legion—Fletcher McCollister Post 135.

The American Legion Post—Fletcher McCollister 135 in Phenix City, Alabama was chartered on April 3, 1931. It was named for Robert Fletcher and Theodore McCollister, both of Phenix City, who were killed in action during World War I.

In September of 1919, Congress chartered The American Legion. The organization celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.

On March 16, 2019, The American Legion—Fletcher McCollister Post 135 will host an event to commemorate their 88th Anniversary.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating The American Legion Post—Fletcher McCollister Post 135 on their 88th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, January 24, 2019, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

on roll call no. 50: YEA, and

on roll call no. 51: NAY.

HONORING PEGGY TURK BOYER

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peggy Turk Boyer, Executive Director of the Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans (CEDO), a binational, non-profit organization whose mission is the protection of the marine life in the Northern Gulf of California region. She is retiring from her position in 2019 after 40 years of service.

Peggy has devoted her life to preserving the marine environment of the northern Gulf of California and the livelihoods of the people who live there. Her work started in 1980 in Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico, when Peggy began managing a marine research field station with her husband. That field station grew into the headquarters of CEDO.

Peggy recognized early on that the Gulf of California region is impacted by the social dynamics and conservation efforts on both sides of the border. This insight produced a governance structure for CEDO composed of two independent boards—one Mexican and one American—to share responsibility for finding resources, developing strategies and insuring the financial stability of the organization. Peggy has raised millions of dollars in Mexico and the United States from international foundations, government agencies, research contracts, individual donors, and events to support CEDO's work.

CEDO has established trust with local fishing communities and the Mexican government. From developing fishing gear that reduces harmful by-catch to providing training on monitoring populations and regulations, CEDO has been in a partnership with fishermen and women, supporting local communities while also giving these communities the tools to make their livelihoods sustainable and environmentally responsible. CEDO's ongoing educational programs for children and adults, including natural history talks, ecotours, environmental contests, beach clean-ups, and a binational marine biology camp for youth, have helped develop a culture of environmental stewardship.

Peggy's vision also included environmental protection. She served on the management planning committees for both the Upper Gulf of California and Colorado River Delta Biosphere Reserve and the Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve. She was one of four individuals who were recognized by both the Mexican and U.S. Government for her invaluable contributions to the creation of these two Biosphere Reserves. Peggy and CEDO have received numerous awards on both sides of the border for their work in conservation, education, and tourism. Most recently, CEDO received first place among recipients of the first National Award for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture. The award was for CEDO's work in developing cooperative, grass-roots stewardship of the fishing communities of the Sonoran Corridor.

Peggy Turk Boyer and CEDO have been agents for meaningful change, working tirelessly towards goals of conservation and protection for vulnerable communities both human and marine. We honor her life's work and her