

across the country that are supporting women's mental health.

By raising awareness, we can help protect the mental health of women and mothers in our communities.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Teacher Appreciation Week to celebrate America's hardworking, dedicated, and passionate teachers.

The National Education Association and the National PTA team up each year to recognize the contributions our teachers make every day to shape the minds of their students.

Madam Speaker, I am sure every Member of the House can think of a teacher who had a positive influence on not only their education but their life.

Our teachers push students to achieve their best, and they show students how to realize their full potential.

Teachers are some of the most powerful professionals in the entire world. They lend a caring hand and extend a loving heart. They make differences in the lives of our students academically, emotionally, and physically.

I thank every teacher in America for the job they do, for the hours they work, for the patience they show, and for the impact they have on so many lives.

Happy Teachers Appreciation Week. This Nation would be lost without them.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, this coming Sunday, millions of Americans will celebrate Mother's Day. While I look forward to celebrating Mother's Day and honoring my own mom, I know that mothers deserve more than to be celebrated. They deserve safe pregnancies and births, and healthy lives for themselves and their babies.

In the 14th Congressional District of Illinois, we are committed to this cause. This past weekend, I joined constituents and Medela employees in McHenry County at the March for Babies 5K, which raised tens of thousands of dollars to improve the health of moms and babies.

This could not come at a more critical time. The maternal mortality rate in the U.S. has more than doubled over the last 30 years. It is a crisis.

Underlying this crisis are alarming disparities. Black women are nearly four times more likely than White women, and more than twice as likely than women of other races, to die from

preventable, pregnancy-related complications.

This week, I joined Congresswoman AYANNA PRESSLEY and my Black Maternal Health Caucus cofounder, Congresswoman ALMA ADAMS, to address this crisis by introducing the Healthy MOMMIES Act.

The Healthy MOMMIES Act would expand access to essential health services to improve outcomes for mothers and eliminate disparities in morbidity and mortality for moms.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING OFFICER ROBERT MCKEITHEN

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my fellow members of the Mississippi delegation to express the sorrow and grief within our hearts. This week, the city of Biloxi lost one of our law enforcement officers at the hands of senseless violence.

Officer Robert McKeithen's end of watch was on May 5, 2019, when he was killed in the line of duty less than an hour after helping a Biloxi man out of his wrecked car.

McKeithen was an Air Force veteran who served our Biloxi Police Department for nearly 24 years. He was a family man who leaves behind a wife and children.

During his time as an officer, McKeithen became known for his selfless acts to put those in our community first. Particularly, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during Hurricane Katrina, where he went out of his way to save the lives of a family trapped in their home while the floodwaters were rising.

We have come to expect our law enforcement officers to run to the dangers we civilians run from. They choose to keep our families and neighborhoods safe, never knowing if they will return home to their own families when their shift ends.

Our community now comes together in a time of grief mourning the loss of our fallen hero.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask the House to join me in a moment of silence to honor the life and service of Officer Robert McKeithen.

THE MUELLER REPORT

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

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I read from the Mueller report, volume II, page 107: "At some point after the May 17, 2017, appointment of the special counsel, then-Attorney General Sessions recalled, the President called him at home and asked if Sessions would 'unrecuse' himself. According to Ses-

sions, the President asked him to reverse his recusal so that Sessions could direct the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute Hillary Clinton, and the 'gist' of the conversation was that the President wanted Sessions to unrecuse from 'all of it,' including the special counsel's Russia investigation."

Again, the Mueller report, volume II, page 107.

GUYTON UMC MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Guyton United Methodist Church Men's Bible Class on the 63rd anniversary of its Fifth Sunday Morning Breakfast. Occurring on each fifth Sunday of the month, the morning breakfast has become an institution in Effingham County since 1956.

The Bible class sends invitations across Effingham County and neighboring counties, and nearly everyone there knows about the breakfast. By inviting guest speakers from a number of different civic organizations, the breakfast is a unique opportunity for the citizens and religious community in Effingham County to engage directly in government and other types of public issues.

Just recently, the Fifth Sunday Morning Breakfast hosted a guest speaker discussing his time deployed as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves in Bosnia and Afghanistan, as well as his service in the New York State Police Department.

I want to thank the Guyton United Methodist Church Men's Bible Class for engaging all the citizens of Effingham County, and I am proud to have an organization like this in the First Congressional District of Georgia. Congratulations on their 63rd anniversary.

HEALTHCARE AND PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to the Members of the House.

As a dentist, I have a firsthand understanding of the American healthcare system and the need to make it both accessible and affordable.

I have seen the high costs of healthcare and how they can be devastating to those who suffer a health emergency.

Additionally, those with preexisting conditions should not feel under the constant threat of losing or not being able to obtain coverage.

We must protect our families and our small businesses, including those with preexisting conditions, and work to