survivors of this practice. Violence, and discrimination is rooted in gender inequality, gender-based reproductive health, and to their general well-being. This practice has no health benefits for women and girls, and can have long-term negative impacts on the physical, psychological, sexual, and emotional health. Given the abhorrent nature of this practice, states should have in place laws that require healthcare professionals, school employees, and other professionals who work with children to report any suspected practice of female genital mutilation to the appropriate law enforcement entity.

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Around the world, at least five girls are mutilated, cut, every hour, and an estimated 100 million girls and 140 million women worldwide are living with the consequences of FGM/C.

Given the abhorrent nature of this practice, it is our duty to do all we can to end this practice here at home.

This recalci trant act coincides with the following reports on the Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation Act, supported by international human rights group Equality Now, that required the federal government to undertake a national study to provide data on and insight into the prevalence of FGM/C in the U.S. and establish a multi-agency strategy to bring the practice to an end.

Following the introduction of the Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation Act, I partnered with other members of Congress to pen a bipartisan letter to the State, Health & Human Services, and Education agencies, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the White House Office of Management and Budget, calling for a cross-agency plan to further fight FGM/C.

This letter included requests for resources to help law enforcement, health workers, and educators detect and practices here the United States, plus a hotline for girls who may be in danger of mutilation.

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Even though, FGM/C has been banned in the United States, since 1996, people continue to engage in this abusive practice. It is with great concern that I stand before this House today, my colleagues, to recognize Megan Breslin in honor of her contributions to her family, her community, and the Hockaday School. The Dallas community is better off because of her. We will miss her dearly.

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Megan Breslin for winning the Middle/Junior High School Counselor of the Year Award given by the Illinois School Counselors Association. Ms. Breslin will be retiring after 42 years in the education system and has been a school counselor in the East Moline School District for more than 25 years.

Ms. Breslin got her start at the University of Illinois and University of Kansas before going on to earn a master’s degree in School Counseling from Eastern Illinois University. During the course of her career, Ms. Breslin has earned a reputation among her peers as a team player who will do anything to improve her community. Ms. Breslin dedicated herself to being a positive role model for the students of Glenview Middle School and someone they can turn to. The “Builders Club” was established by Ms. Breslin to fundraise and provide gifts to other students and families in the area.

Additionally, she initiated GBAY, which operates in a similar concept to EBAY, where students donate and then bid for holiday presents for community members. Annual Career Fairs are also a tradition jumpstarted by Ms. Breslin and have even included visits by students to local nursing homes. Ms. Breslin is an asset to the East Moline community and her students, and I thank her for all of her tremendous work.

It is because of dedicated leaders like Ms. Breslin that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gaye Dunn for winning the Counselor of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING MEGAN BRESLIN

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Megan Breslin in honor of her presentation of the Golden Apple Award. Out of 150,000 high schoolers, this distinction is given to 26 students across the state of Illinois. Not only did she put forth exceptional work ethic within the classroom, but in athletics as well. As a senior at Pinckneyville High School, Megan has shown her excellence on the basketball court and golf links while maintaining a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average. This balance of academics and athletics is a difficult task, and I can’t think of a more fitting individual to be merited this tremendous award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Megan Breslin and commend her for her hard work in and out of the classroom.

IN MEMORY OF DEBBY HAY SPRADLEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman COLIN ALLRED, to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Debb Hay Spradley, who passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

A native Texan, Debby graduated from Southern Methodist University and spent the entirety of her professional career in the Dallas area, first as President of the Hay Agency, Inc., and then as the Director of Development and External Affairs at the Hockaday School. She was respected in the Dallas community for her wisdom as a mentor, her generosity as a volunteer, and her leadership as an administrator.

She began her work with the school in the early 1980s as a parent volunteer before eventually joining the administrative team. During her tenure, Debby served as both a Member and the Chair of the Board of Trustees; was a Member of the Leadership Team for the Hockaday Tomorrow Capital Campaign and the Campus Executive Committee for the Centennial Campaign; Co-Chaired the 2004 HP A Benefit; Chaired the Annual Fund Campaign; and was rightfully named an Honorary Alum in 2000. We admire and honor Debby’s selfless dedication to the Hockaday School.

Debby is survived by her husband Webb; daughter Jessica Werner Eckerd and her husband Doug Epperson; daughter Rachel Hay Spradley and her fiancé Jonathan Ben-Horin; and three wonderful granddaughters Kathryn, Virginia, and Margaret.

I ask my colleagues to join us in remembering Debby and her contributions to her family, her community, and the Hockaday School. The Dallas community is better off because of her. We will miss her dearly.

KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL EDITORIAL URGING TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY’S CEO TO FIX COAL ASH PROBLEM

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the Record an editorial submitted to the Knoxville News Sentinel addressing the Tennessee Valley Authority’s new CEO, Jeff Lyash, urging him to fix the current coal ash problem. I am also including a resolution introduced by Tennessee State Senator